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Town of Belgrade

2004 Annual Report

Belgrade's Youth
Our Pride & Our Future



Always Believe in Yourself

by Susan Polis Schutz

Get to know yourself -
what you can do
and what you cannot do -
for only you can make your
life happy

Believe that by working
learning and achieving
you can reach your goals
and be successful

Believe in your own creativity
as a means of expressing
your true feelings

Believe in appreciating life
Be sure to have fun every day
and to enjoy
the beauty in the world

Believe in love
Love your friends
your family
yourself
and your life

Believe in your dreams
and your dreams can become
a reality

Cover Photo:

Students and Faculty
Belgrade Central School
January 27, 2005

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Town of Belgrade



2004
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 2004



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Dedicated in Memory of Reginald Hammond

*W*e came into

this world on

October 11, 1922, a

son of Ray and Helen

Hammond at the

family farm on Depot

Road in Belgrade. He

joined his brother

Paul and in due time

they were joined by

brothers Skip and

Buster and lastly by a

special sister Janet Hammond Austin. His mother always said he was a mischievous child and kept the family wondering what he would do next. He attended school across the road and graduated from Belgrade High School in the class of 1940. He greatly enjoyed his years as catcher on the school baseball team and was very proud of their championship year in 1938-39. At home he helped with the family milking, bottling, and delivering before school. After the evening milking he would join the other Belgrade boys at Gowell Brothers store in the Depot. This was an evening ritual where they talked over the days events.



Reginald Hammond
1922-2004

Following graduation he took a job as chauffeur for Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Drew. They owned The Overlook, now the Beckett House in North Belgrade, and spent their summers in Belgrade. In November of 1940 Reggie drove them,

via route 66, to their winter home in Pasadena, California. After spending the winter there, and being homesick for Belgrade, he returned to the family farm and to his much beloved State of Maine. For the rest of his life, his longest trip from home never lasted more than five days.

In February of 1943 he married Phronie Guptill and they moved into a small home on the family property where he lived for the next 61 years until his death on April 2, 2004. It was there that they raised their two daughters, Cheryl Hammond Gardner and Jan Hammond Porter, and their grandson Randall Higgins.

Reggie was employed for fourteen years as trackman for the Maine Central Railroad in Belgrade, until the job was abolished in 1958. In that same year, Percy Yeaton, who had been sexton of the Pine Grove Cemetery for many years, resigned. When approached by the selectpersons about the job, Reggie accepted. He was sworn in by town clerk, Ethel F. Kelley, in May of 1958. From 1904, when Belgrade's cemetery committee was first formed, it was a working committee of three people. But in the early sixties it became apparent that due to illness and resignations, extra help would be needed. Two of the first high school workers, among the many to follow through the years were Tom Pierce and Carroll Sawyer. Even Reggie's grandson, Randy Higgins, was a cemetery worker for James Minot in 1986, the first year of Jamie serving as sexton for the town.

Reggie resigned as cemetery sexton on November 15, 1969 and entered into private construction work and was employed for many summers by the State Highway Maintenance Department.

Following his retirement in 1988 his daily ventures about town usually included a trip through the cemetery and to the boat landing to visit Belgrade stream and the bog.

A keen interest in trapping began in his grammar school years and continued his entire life. He looked forward to the changing seasons and the possibilities each offered in the out-of-doors. He enjoyed fishing many Maine lakes, but none more than Messalonskee. Whether perch fishing on many a warm summer evening or winters spent ice fishing with his family, he couldn't have been happier.

He was a quiet, unassuming man with a great sense of humor and love of family. His greatest joys were the simple things in life.

Reference Numbers

Belgrade Town Office

Telephone 495-2258

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E-mail .. townoffice@belgrademaine.com

Town Manager

Mark Turner 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

Tom Feeney, Director 465-9012 (H)

Ed Ketch, Jr., Asst. Dir. 495-3861 (H)

Center for All Seasons

Betty Jo Howard, Interim Dir. 495-3481

Public Library 495-3508

Marcia Haigh, Librarian

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

Mark Burton 465-2063 (H)

Civil Constables

Jeremy Damren 495-2258 (W)

Transfer Station 495-3326

Belgrade Central School 495-2321

MSAD 47 Superintendent 465-7384

Messalonskee High School 465-7381

Messalonskee Middle School 465-2167

*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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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 9 am - Noon and a Saturday in December.	

Selectperson Board Meetings

The first and third Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at the Town Office.

Planning Board Meetings

The first and third Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the Town Office.

Transfer Station & Recycling Center Hours of Operation

Wednesday	7 am - 3 pm
Saturday	7 am - 3 pm

Code Enforcement Officer

Each Thursday Evening from 5 - 7 pm at the Town Office.

Food Pantry

Every Tuesday from 9 - 11 am at the Town Office.

Belgrade Regional Health Center

495-3323

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8 am - 12:30 pm and 1:30 - 4:30 pm.

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



Local Businesses

Electrical Contractors

Edward Ketch 495-3861
256 Augusta Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

Kyle Wescott 495-2929
191 Location Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

William Gee, Jr. 495-2167
169 Oakland Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

Beavis Electric 495-3233
52 Oakwood Drive, Belgrade, ME 04917

Plumbing Contractors

William Gee, Jr. 495-2167
169 Oakland Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

Steve Jenney 495-3572
1067 Manchester Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

Belgrade Plumbing & Heating,
Steve Young 495-2189
107 West Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

Bob The Plumber
Plumbing & Heating 495-2942
976 Wings Mills Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

Heating Contractors

KDNR Heating & Irrigation,
Keith Kadnar 465-9326
P.O. Box 71, Belgrade, ME 04917

R & E Heating, Eric Nilson 495-7747
P.O. Box 558, Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918

Belgrade Plumbing & Heating,
Steve Young 495-2189
107 West Rd., Belgrade, ME 04917

Bob The Plumber
Plumbing & Heating 495-2942
976 Wings Mills Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

Building & Carpentry Contractors

E.P. Construction/Eric Pelletier 495-2702
PO Box 205, Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918

John Gawler (Sheet Metal Roofing) 495-3885
457 West Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

Ronald Bellavance,
Bellavance Construction Co. 495-2492
P.O. Box 164, Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918

Larry Stanley 495-2976
P.O. Box 345, Belgrade, ME 04917

Perry Biegon 495-2838
238 Dunn Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

Paul Stevens 465-9395
P.O. Box 526, Belgrade, ME 04917

Craig's Carpentry 465-3749 • 1-800-417-2880
P.O. Box 240, Belgrade, ME 04917

Dan Trembly 465-9522
652 Oakland Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

Guido's Construction 495-3632
757 West Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

CLS Builders, Chuck Stuart 495-2598
PO Box 419 Depot Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

Thomas Kenney 495-2997
27 Point Road, Belgrade Maine 04917

R. E. Violette 495-2349
P.O. Box 409, Belgrade, ME 04917

David Lord 495-3521
40 Montana Way, Belgrade, ME 04917

James Vogel 495-2913
204 Location Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

Jerry Steiner, Steiner Floors 495-6028
P.O. Box 562, Belgrade Lakes, ME 04917

Fisher Construction, Merle Fisher 465-3035
630 Oakland Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

If you would like your business added to this list, please contact the Town Office at 495-2258

General Contractors

Maurice Childs Construction 495-2145
176 Oakland Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

David Stevens Excavating 465-3815
103 Grandview Drive, Belgrade, ME 04917

David Hallowell 465-3344
70 Damren Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

Kevin Hawes 495-3412
652 Manchester Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

Mike Pooler, Belgrade Boat Rentals
and Storage, Light Trucking
& Backhoe Services 495-3415
41 Pinkham's Cove Road, Belgrade, Maine 04917

Jason Stevens Excavating,
Septic Systems, Contractor 465-8257
314 Horsepoint Road, Belgrade, Maine 04917

Landscapers

Michial C. Heino 495-2978 • Cell 458-5900
P.O. Box 422, Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918

Designers

OMNIgraphique, Jeff Cook 465-9494
527 Webb Road, Oakland, ME 04963

Propane Service

Edward (Ed) Poulin,
Appliance & Installation Service 441-1574
Belgrade, ME 04917

Painters

Timothy Nutter 465-4242
73 Stevens Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

Surveyors

Greg Carey, Carey Land Surveyor 873-2613
27 Sterling Street, Waterville, ME 04901

Mr. Kane Coffin,
Coffin Engineering & Surveying 623-9475
RR 2 Box 887A, Augusta, ME 04330

Mr. Elliot Thayer, Thayer Engineering Co.
5 Hasson St., Farmingdale, ME 04344

Rowe & Wendell
Engineering & Surveying 873-5808
179 Main St., Waterville, ME 04901

K & K Land Surveyors
P.O. Box 596, Oakland, ME 04963

Northeast Land Surveys 1-800-425-3500
RR 7 Box 1965, Augusta, ME 04330

Malcolm Harriman, Land Surveyor 622-2049
8 Country Club Rd., Manchester, ME 04351

Lifeguard Services

Cathie Pinkham 465-9367
238 Smithfield Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

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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 comprised of 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 a Tax Collector/Town Clerk, a Deputy Clerk/Registrar, a part-time Assistant 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

2,680

Schools

Belgrade Central School (K-6), Belgrade

Messalonskee Middle School, Oakland

Messalonskee High School, Oakland

All schools are in Maine 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.



Elected Representatives to the State Government

Senator
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District 18

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Olympia Snowe (R)

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Representative

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2004 Town Officers

Elected Officials

Board of Selectpersons

Dennis Purington, Chair (06)
Richard "Spike" Carey, (06)
Chad Nickless (05)
Roger Nadeau/Christopher Merrow (07)
Richard (Ricky) Damren - V. Chair (07)

Road Commissioner

Maurice Childs

Sexton

Michael Urbanek

MSAD 47 Board of Directors -

Belgrade Members

Frank Fekete (05)
Frank Haggan (06)
Laura Corbett (07)

Town Meeting Moderator

John R. Bradshaw

Appointed Officials

Town Manager

Kathleen P. Farrin - July 31
Mark L. Turner - August 1, 04

Town Clerk & Tax Collector

Ellen M. Edgerly - June 24
Cheryl T. Cook - July 18, 04

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



Appointed Boards, Committees & Department Heads

Budget Committee

G. Donald Taylor (07)
Dennis Keschl (06)
Roger Nadeau (07)
John Sutton (05)
Charles Heino (05)
Jonathan Perkins (06)

Planning Board

Stephen Foster, Chair (07)
David Lord (06)
Dan Pratt (05)
Peter Rushton (05)
Karen Damren (05)
Gary R Fuller, CEO
2 Vacant Alt.

Board of Appeals

Robert Martin, Chair (05)
David Roy (07)
Dennis Keschl, V. Chair (07)
Kirk Sperrey (07)
Peter Sargent (06)
Shawn Mullens (05)
Gordon Pow (06)

Board of Assessment Review

Gloria McGraw (07)
Gordon Pow (05)
Betty Grant (06)

Cemetery Committee

Kenneth Workman (05)
Michael Urbanek, Sexton
Bryce Wadleigh (07)
Raymond Nutter (05)
Nancy French (06)

Dams Committee

Richard Mackenzie, Chair, Rome
Percy Ackerman, Belgrade (05)
Dennis Purington, Belgrade (alt 07)
George Hoy, Belgrade (07)
Roger Pelletier, Belgrade (06)
Dolores Lemon, Oakland (06)
Tim Comfort, Rome (07)
G. Donald Taylor (07)

Don C. Stevens Trust Committee

Pam Prescott, Chair
Cal Davis
Sue Nutter
Linda Sprague

Board of Parks & Recreation

Betty Jo Howard, Chair (06)
Jean Saucier (05)
Michelle Urbanek, Student Member (05)
Cindy Davidson (05)
Julie Dana (05)
Catherine Urbanek, V. Chair (05)
Sue Perrino (05)
Faith Morgan (06)
Robin Pepin (05)
Kathryn Horton (07)
Robert Steinberg (05)
Jean Dalton (07)
Bert Languet (05)

Recycling Committee

Adam Doran, Chair
Dawn Burnham
Gene Burgess
Mike Burnham
Harold Tripp
Maurice Childs
Cedric Young
Mark Turner, Town Manager

Municipal Fire Department Officers

Jeffrey Stevens, Chief (06)
William Pulsifer, Deputy Chief (05)
Bruce Galouch, Ass't Chief/
Belgrade Depot (07)
Edward Ketch, Ass't Chief/
Belgrade Lakes (05)
Chris Henninger, Ass't Chief/
North Belgrade (05)
Lisa Day, Rescue Chief/
Director of Rescue (06)
Tom Feeney, Emergency
Management Director

Long Range Planning Committee

Jack Sutton, Chair (06)
Adelaide Lalime (06)
Nancy Mairs (05)
Vacant (05)
Scott Luettich (07)
Bruce Hazard (04)

Enhanced Neighborhood**Policing Committee**

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

Recreation Director

Cathie Pinkham

Interim Recreation Director

Betty Jo Howard

Library Director

Marcia Haigh

Library Trustees

Timothy Corbett (05)
Nancy Mairs (04)
Harry Colt (06)
Kris Veins (04)
John Willey (06)
Patricia Pow (05)
Loyce Hayslett (06)



Selectpersons' Report

2004 has been a year of changes for the town.

We bid farewell to Katie Farrin and Ellen Edgerly this past summer. We welcomed Mark Turner as our new Town Manager, and Cheryl Cook as our new Town Clerk/Tax Collector. We also bid farewell to Cathie Pinkham as our Recreation Director in December.

The Property revaluation was completed and is in place.

The Board welcomed Chris Merrow as our newest Board member in November.

Some of the warrant articles previously voted at Town Meeting will be voted by referendum the day before Town Meeting. The Recreation Budget, Library Budget and some donations for agencies and groups will be voted by referendum on March 18th.

The Board of Selectpersons and Budget Committee have reviewed and made recommendations on the articles to be voted on March 18th by referendum and on March 19th at Town Meeting. If all the articles pass, the town portion of the budget would increase by 9% over last year. The county tax for 2005 has increased by 9.1% over 2004. The school budget has not been determined. Your 2004 property tax bill showed that over 74% of the tax was allocated to education and the county. Citizens need to pay attention to the school and county budgets and make your voices heard.

Congratulations to our Citizens for a turnout of about 85% of the voters in the November Election. The Board urges citizens to turn out for Town Meeting and the vote on March 18th.

The Board appreciates all the dedicated volunteers who serve as firefighters, on the Rescue Squad and on all the various boards and committees. The Town would not be able to function as well as we do if we did not have people willing to serve. If anyone has an interest in serving the community, vacancies occur on committees and boards, contact the Town Office to indicate your interest.

Please stay informed and involved in Town decisions. Come to Town Meeting and Public Meetings and attend MSAD 47's Budget Meetings.

Sincerely,

Dennis A. Purington
Chairman of the Board of Selectpersons



Board of Selectpersons

Chad Nickless
Chris Merrow
Richard "Spike" Carey
Richard Damren, V. Chair
Dennis Purington, Chair

Town Manager's Report

During 2004, the Town of Belgrade experienced a significant period of transition. Some long term employees, whose value can not be easily measured or replaced, moved on to explore other personal and professional opportunities. While those remaining, demonstrated an incredible resiliency for dealing with adversity and change. In that regard, I would like to dedicate this portion of the Town Report to the people, both past and present, who have made Belgrade a better community for everyone.

I would first like to salute Katie Farrin, Ellen Edgerly and Cathy Pinkham in their former positions as Town Manager, Town Clerk and Recreation Director, respectfully. Those three individuals were long term employees who offered their knowledge, experience, talents and commitment in an effort to make Town government more responsive and accessible. I sincerely believe that their contributions will have an enduring impact on the many services and programs we now provide for our citizens.

Throughout the difficult process of recruiting and hiring new employees to replace the key departures mentioned previously, some unsung heroes emerged. I would like to acknowledge and offer some much deserved recognition for the remaining staff at the Town Office who assisted with critical functions not normally assigned to them and who performed extraordinarily well during some very challenging situations. Without the professional support and guidance of Pamela Tracy (Treasurer), Jane Bickford (Deputy Clerk/Registrar) and Mary Vogel (Assistant Clerk/Executive Secretary), I

do not believe that the multitude of responsibilities could have been so successfully carried out. Our new Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Cheryl Cook, stepped in and immediately became a contributing member of this very capable and dedicated staff.

In my short time as Town Manager, I have had the pleasure of working with some outstanding individuals on our Fire and Rescue squads, Road Commissioner Maurice Childs, Cemetery Sexton Michael Urbanak, the excellent crew at the Transfer Station, Tree Warden tish carr, Emergency Management Director Tom Feeney, Code Enforcement Officer Gary Fuller, Library Director Marcia Haigh, the staff and volunteers at the Center for All Seasons and our new Animal Control Officer Mark Burton. I look forward to continuing these working relationships in the coming year.

To our numerous Board and Committee members; I am sure I speak for everyone in expressing gratitude for your commitment towards becoming involved in community affairs. I am impressed with the tremendous wealth of knowledge and energy these folks bring to their roles as advisers and appointed representatives. In helping to shape and support our Town government, the many ideas and initiatives that are cultivated at the committee level often generate improvements in how we deliver our various programs and services. It is especially rewarding to observe the diversity and focus that these individuals have.

To the members of our Board of Selectpersons; the citizens of the community





can be readily assured that their best interests are always at the forefront. While working with the members of the Board during the past several months, my overriding impression is that decisions are based on reasonableness but always with a deep concern for the well-being of the community, in general. They have certainly helped to make my job a lot easier by offering their trust and their confidence.

Finally, to our citizens; thank you for your support of the community. From our long time veteran residents, to our newer arrivals, to our youth and to our summer visitors, the Town of Belgrade is rich in tradition and in spirit. The identity of a community is best represented by the people who live there. And, in Belgrade, this is certainly true.

In the coming months, we will be working on your behalf to ensure that Belgrade continues to be a place where

quality of life really matters. We will ensure that our natural resources are protected. And, we will ensure that our cooperation and responsiveness towards meeting the public's needs is always our main objective.

If you ever have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark L. Turner
Town Manager



Planning Board Report

2004 was a very busy year for the Planning Board, several subdivisions and Commercial Reviews took place. The Planning Board has been extremely busy with permits and has not had time to work on minor changes to the ordinances which need to be amended in order to be consistent in all areas of other ordinances. It is the Board's hopes to be able to work on these issues during the up coming month and have changes ready for the March Town Meeting or June vote.

I would like at this time to thank all of the Planning Board members for their utmost attributes that they one and all bring to the board. Each and every member has his or her own expertise and as a whole encompasses the full spectrum of what a planning board needs.

As chairperson, I personally thank the Board members for all of their hard work and hope that when you see them on the street, you will do the same.

Thank you for your support

Stephen Foster
Chairperson

Long Range Planning Committee Report

During 2004 the LRPC focused on the potential to encourage land conservation through private initiatives for preserving land with high potential for sustainable forestry, lake and groundwater quality protection, important wildlife habitat and scenic views. Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance organized a program on this subject for interested property owners last fall.

To guide the process of identifying lands with high conservation potential and for future comprehensive planning, LRPC recommended with concurrence of the Select and Planning Boards, that Belgrade acquire "Beginning with Habitat" maps for the town. These maps are offered through cooperative efforts of Maine Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Maine Natural Areas Program, Maine Audubon Society, Maine State Planning Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and several other organizations with interests in land conservation. A set of BwH maps identifying riparian habitat, high value habitat and undeveloped blocks of land is now on order for Belgrade, at no cost to the town. They are expected to be presented to the Town in February 2005 and to be on display at the March Town Meeting. After that they will be available at the Town Office for anyone interested. Copies will also be available for use by Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, along with similar maps for other Belgrade Lakes watershed towns, for the similar purposes throughout the region.

The concept of "regionalization" remains at the forefront of considerations to help control escalating costs of state and municipal government. Belgrade's experience with regional cooperation is evidenced by this Town's long standing participation in M.S.A.D. #47, mutual aid agreements between fire and rescue departments, the Dams Committee with Oakland and Rome and the regional character of Belgrade's Center for All Seasons and Library. Looking ahead, Belgrade should be open-minded to opportunities to fulfill municipal responsibilities for administration, roads, snow plowing, solid waste disposal and other functions at acceptable levels of service and cost by close cooperation with, (or dare we say it?), by consolidation with neighboring communities. Belgrade's most recent Comprehensive Plan revision is now over six years old and is soon due for review and update. Regional opportunities should be on the table as that process goes forward.

LRPC meetings are public. Belgrade residents are invited to participate in committee meetings and persons interested are encouraged to apply for Committee membership openings through the Town Office.

Respectfully,

Long Range Planning Committee

Bruce Hazard (04)

Nancy Mairs, Secretary (05)

Adelaide Lalime (06)

Jack Sutton, Chair (06)

Scott Luetlich (07)



Budget Committee Report

Belgrade's Budget Committee has six members appointed by the Select Board for staggered three-year terms, with responsibility "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." The Budget Committee typically meets with the Select Board for open discussion of relevant issues, followed by separate votes of each body on the recommendations that appear with each money article in the Town Warrant. Principal committee activity occurs in the fall when articles for the March Town Meeting and the budget for the following year are prepared. Extra meetings were held during 2004 to consider potential local impacts of the proposed state-wide-one-mil tax cap and impending changes to Maine's school funding formula.

Although the one-mil tax cap referendum failed, in November, it stimulated consideration of cost-cutting and curtailment options for municipal services that might otherwise have been overlooked or dismissed by many municipalities, including Belgrade. It has also given rise to urgent State-level efforts to relieve local property taxes, the effects of which on Belgrade are unknown at the deadline of this report.

Nevertheless, it's clear that major reductions in property taxes cannot occur without some combination of major cuts in school and/or county funding, deep reductions in the costs or levels of municipal services, significant increases in non-property tax revenue and/or cost shifts from Town to

private sources. Based on recent initiatives by some local citizens, Belgrade voters will decide by referendum at the March 2005 Town Meeting to fund or close the Center for All Seasons and the Town Library. By the same process, several requests for donations by social service providers will face up or down written votes in advance of the open Town Meeting. While the tax impact of those amenities is minor relative to other departments of Town spending, these issues may be at the leading edge of challenges to all areas of Town spending- the outcomes of which may influence the quality of Town services and Belgrade's future character.

Welcome to Dennis Keschl and Roger Nadeau who joined the Budget Committee in 2004. Mary DeRosier and Willard Arnold left the Committee in 2004. Charles Heino indicates he will leave the Committee when his term expires in 2005. Thanks to each of them for their service.

Belgrade residents interested in serving on the Budget Committee are invited to apply at the Town Office.

Respectfully,

Belgrade Budget Committee

Jack Sutton

December 27, 2004

Charles Heino (05)

Dennis Keschl (06)

G. Donald Taylor (07)

Roger Nadeau (07)

Jonathan Perkins (06)

Jack Sutton, Chair (05)

Code Enforcement Officer's Report

2004 has proven to be yet another busy year, particularly with the number of residential homes increasing yearly.

	2003	2004
Single Family Dwellings	38	38
New Seasonal Homes	4	1
Alterations/Additions	50	46
Garages/Sheds/Access. Building	51	47
Mobile Homes	7	6
Duplex	1	0
Swimming Pools	3	4
Commercial Structures	2	4
Sitework/Erosion Control	0	2
Carport	0	1
Barns	2	2
Foundations/Retaining Wall	3	5
Warehouse	0	0
Storage Bldgs. Commercial	0	0
Gazebos	3	0
Greenhouses	0	0
Boathouse (Repairs)	0	1
Bunkhouses	0	1
Ramp	0	1
Denied	4	4
Withdrew permit	0	3
Permits on hold	0	1
Total	168	167

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. If you have applied for a driveway permit through the State we need proof of the State permit before a building permit can be issued.

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



Plumbing Inspector's Report

A total of 130 Plumbing permits were issued for the year ending December 31, 2004. Of these permits, 65 were for external plumbing and 65 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

Dams Committee Report

To: Selectpersons, Towns of Rome and
Belgrade
Mark Turner, Belgrade Town Manager
Steven A Dyer, Oakland Town Manager

In 2004, we performed general maintenance on Wings Mill Dam, addressing some leakage in the spillway and damage to the upstream side of the gate structure. In addition, vandalism damage to the protective fencing around the gates was repaired. An inspection performed while repairing the gate and leakage revealed an upcoming need to do maintenance of the upstream side of the spillway across its length within the next 1-2 years.

In anticipation of the need for major repairs to Wings Mill Dam and general maintenance to Salmon Lake and Great Pond Dams, we are asking the towns to appropriate and raise \$10,000 for this purpose:

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

In 2004, we welcomed Dr. Timothy Comeford and Donald Taylor to the Dams Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A MacKenzie
Chair, Dams Committee

Road Commissioner's Report

Last year, we paved the Bartlett Road from the Manchester Road to the Mt. Vernon town line. The work included ditching, shoulder upgrade and the replacement of cross culverts. The Maine Department of Transportation and Guilford Transportation Industries were supposed to have reconstructed the railroad crossing prior to the road paving project. Unfortunately, even with repeated inquiries, we were unable to convince the State to prioritize this location for repair. DOT representatives have indicated that the crossing will be rebuilt in the spring of 2005. In the meantime, please use caution at this crossing.

We also did some preliminary road and shoulder work on the Dunn Road in preparation of more significant improvements being planned for 2005. Replacement of graveled shoulders and other routine repairs were performed on several roads throughout the construction season. Shoulders were mowed during the fall as this proves to be more effective in keeping weed growth under control.

In the upcoming year, we plan to reclaim and pave a section of the West Road from Castle Island Road to Route 135. This will be a two-year project. We also plan to continue work on the Dunn Road including widening the shoulders on a section of the road from the Transfer Station entrance south past Sandy Cove. This will be Phase 1 of a three-year project that will result in the Dunn Road becoming a 20 foot wide paved road with 3 foot wide gravel shoulders on each side.

I would like to remind everyone adding a driveway or repaving a driveway, to get a Driveway Permit from the Town Office. This alerts us to inspect existing culverts for replacement or to assist in planning installations of culverts for new driveways. This can save the Town up to \$1,000.00 per driveway in extra costs.

Respectfully submitted,

Maurice W. Childs
Town of Belgrade
Road Commissioner

Kennebec County Sheriff's Report

Kennebec County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Everett B. Flannery • Chief Deputy, Randall Liberty • Captain Jon Perkins

Belgrade Calls for Service

January 01, 2004 Through December 31, 2004

Nature of Complaint	Total Calls	Nature of Complaint	Total Calls
911 Hang Up	47	Fraud	1
Abandoned Vehicle	4	Harassment	10
Agency Assist	32	Juvenile Problem	10
Alarm	28	MC ATV Snowmobiles	1
Animal Problem	2	Mental Subject	1
Arrest	1	Missing Person	4
Arrest Warrant	11	Motorist Assist	21
Assault	5	OUI	2
Attempted Suicide	1	Overdose	2
Automobile Theft	2	Police Information	2
Burglary	14	Property Damage, Non-Vandalism	1
Child Abuse or Neglect	3	Property Watch	5
Citizen Assist	41	Search Warrant	1
Criminal Mischief	14	Sex Offense	1
Criminal Threatening	2	Suspicious Person/ Circumstances	16
Criminal Trespass	6	Theft	12
Disorderly Conduct	11	Traffic Accident w/Damage	68
Dive Rescue/Recovery	2	Traffic Accident w/Injuries	19
Domestic Dispute	8	Traffic Hazard	26
Drug Problem	2	Traffic Violations	39
Escort	4	Transport	2
Fight in Progress	1	VIN Inspection	2
Fire	5	Violation of Bail Condition	1
Fireworks	3	Violation of Protective Order	3
Forgery	1	Welfare Check	6
Found Property	2		

The Town of Belgrade experienced a 13.65% increase in total complaints in 2004 (508) from 2003 (447)

Sincerely

Everett B Flannery, Jr. Sheriff
Kennebec County



Fire & Rescue Report

During the year of 2004 the Fire and Rescue responded to a combined total of 356 calls. The following is a list of those calls:

Vehicle accidents (10-55)	40
Vehicle fires	4
Chimney fires	4
Structure fires	2
Smoke alarms	0
CO alarms	0
Possible Structure Fires	5
Fire alarms	8
Brush/grass fires/land fill	6
Downed wires	10
Stove/Electrical	0
Smoke Investigation	3
Misc.	6
Hazardous Liquid Spill	3
Lightning Strike	3
Odor Investigation	2
Water Rescue	2
Medical Assistance	4
Total Calls	102

Rescue calls

Medical	206
10-55 (car accident)	26
Mutual Aid	9
Total	241

Mutual Aid Response (Fire & Rescue)

Oakland	7
Rome	3
Sidney	3
Total	13

6 Year Fire & Rescue Response Summary

Year	No. of Incidents
1999	218
2000	205
2001	266
2002	306
2003	345
2004	356

It has been another very busy and productive year for Belgrade Fire and Rescue between trainings, meetings and fundraisers. We have had a change in the leadership of Belgrade Rescue. Gene Burgess has retired after 20 years of service and Lisa Day has taken over as Rescue Chief. Congratulations to them both.

We have received all of the money from our FEMA grant, therefore, have received all of our new equipment and gear. We have had three more fire fighters become qualified for Fire Fighter One this past year and Rescue has also received another qualified EMT.

We also have replaced old unit 64 tanker in North Belgrade with a newer chassis and with an automatic transmission, which makes it easier to operate. We also have replaced our older extrication tool with a newer Holmatro model made possible by fundraisers, private donations, and a matching donation by Mr. Harold Alfond. We would like to thank everyone for their





donations to the Belgrade Fire and Rescue because if not for their generosity, the equipment we acquire with these donations would not be possible. Also, we have purchased a new wilderness Rescue sled that will arrive here in February. This will be used to tow behind a snowmobile or four-wheeler for wilderness rescues.

For the year 2004, awards were given to:

Firefighter of the Year
Douglas Sawyer, FF

Rescue Person of the Year
Lt. Travis Burton

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

Belgrade Fire and Rescue would like to thank the citizens of Belgrade for their much needed and continued support and 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 the Fire and Rescue personnel for their dedicated hours of service to the department and to the Town of Belgrade this past year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey C. Stevens,

Fire Chief 495-2085

William P. Pulsifer,

Deputy Chief 495-3855

Lisa Day,

Director of Rescue 495-3840

Edward Ketch, Jr.,

Asst. Chief, Belgrade Lakes 495-3861

Bruce Galouch,

Asst. Chief, Belgrade Depot 495-2942

Chris Henninger,

Asst. Chief, North Belgrade 465-7585



Recycling Committee Report

The transfer station began a potential transition period during 2004. Besides the current Recycling Committee, a Municipal Solid Waste Committee was formed to take a hard look at the waste management aspects of the town. The committee anticipates a year-long effort to examine the costs associated with the transfer station and establish steps the town can take to potentially reduce these costs and improve efficiency of the transfer station.

An additional metal recycling area was constructed at the transfer station in addition to the existing one. The painted/treated woodpile was also expanded. The town newsletter twice reiterated the waste and recycling procedures in place at the transfer station to help residents. The Selectpersons also enacted a new policy to deal with residents who refuse to leave trash in the proper designated areas at the transfer station. The Recycling Committee provided the town treasurer with costs for replacing the dilapidated trailer beside the recycling center. The transfer station employees also attended their required annual OSHA training. 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.

The State of Maine is requiring that mercury-added products be reused/recycled (rather than disposed of) as of January 1, 2005 for all towns in the State. These mercury-added wastes include fluorescent lamps, mercury vapor and high-pressure sodium light bulbs, mercury thermostats, mercury switches, and mercury thermometers. The town has selected a vendor for the mercury-added product wastes and has a shed at the transfer station for the storage of the mercury-added product wastes generated by the town.

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 2004 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 2003 was 43.99%, up from 30.7% in 2002. The town also produces and distributes about 30 cubic yards of compost each year.

The town needs to keep 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	Maurice Childs
Clarence Burnham	Adam Doran
Dawn Burnham	Harold Tripp
Mike Burnham	Cedric Young

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.

I have worked with the Town Manager, Board of Selectpersons, and the Code Enforcement Officer this year dealing with problems concerning illegal dumping, rats, food poisoning and possible unsafe conditions in a local bed and breakfast facility.

The Food Pantry continues to serve the needs of Belgrade residents on a weekly basis and at Thanksgiving and Christmas with food baskets. Is staffed with volunteers who are providing a wonderful service to the community. The Food Pantry can always use either food or cash donations.

I am hoping that the lack of flu vaccines will not produce a major outbreak of influenza in our community. The Maine Bureau of Health and the Maine Lung Association have been promoting various

practices to prevent the spread of the virus: WASH YOUR HANDS frequently if in contact with an ill person: COVER YOUR NOSE AND MOUTH when coughing and sneezing; and STAY HOME from school or work if you are experiencing any kind of flu symptoms.

The economy is still not good and there are still many of our residents out of work or working in lower paying jobs. Also, we have families that have loved ones in IRAQ and AFGANISTAN, the cost of fuel and gasoline has been very high, and we have a lot of elderly residents living alone. So please look out for your neighbors and check on them frequently to let them know that you care. As Health Officer, I am always available if problems arise, so please contact me. My phone number is 465-3297.

The group of residents that have gone through the American Red Cross program of using the Center for All Seasons for a shelter in an event of a disaster is still active; fortunately, we have not had any major disasters this year but we will be ready in case one does occur. If you are interested in this group and would like to know more about it, please contact BJ at the Center for All Seasons.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Doran, R.N.

Belgrade Health Officer



Belgrade Historical Society

The Belgrade Historical Society had an active year. We had a speaker about the Underground Railroad activities in Kennebec Valley area; we toured the Quaker cemetery and the old town hall in Belgrade. Nancy Mairs, our historian, gave a wonderful summary of Quaker activities and families in Belgrade in the early 1900's. Our group also sponsored a walking tour of Chandler's Mills in August. In case you don't know, that is the Village of Belgrade Lakes. Bill Pulsifer entertained the group with old



stories and photos. We toured some of the old houses and looked at the spot "where it used to be"!!!!



We are currently working on several long term projects-oral histories, documenting some old homes and so forth. We have video-taped a few folks, most recently Mary Beals.

Her family built and ran the Belgrade Lakes Hotel for many years. We donated towards a microfiche project to help preserve some of Belgrade's old records.

We have several old postcards, old photos and other memorabilia collected so far. If you or your family have anything of interest, that you might want to share with future generations, please contact any of our members.

The group meets the fourth Wednesday of most months. If interested in becoming a member, please call 495-9220.

Submitted by,

Gloria McGraw,
President



Town Historian's Report

The Quakers in Belgrade

The Quaker way of life grew out of very hard times in 17th century, church-ruled England. Quakers who emigrated to America found safety and tolerance in some places, but not under the Puritanical government of Massachusetts. A few groups on Cape Cod and those on Nantucket quietly clung to their ways, and on the wilder frontiers settlers were too busy surviving to worry about a group who were honest and non-violent.

Increasing trouble between Americans and English before the War of Independence caused terrible financial hardship to New England's coastal fishing and shipping. Quakers tried to stay neutral but were called traitors by both patriots and English. Many fled their homes during these hard times and the depression that followed the Revolution.

Forts Western and Halifax had been built in 1754 to encourage and protect new settlement on land being surveyed and sold by the Kennebec Proprietors. Belgrade is part of that so-called Kennebec Patent. Between 1750 and 1800 the population of the Province of Maine grew from 10,000 to 150,000. It was natural for Quakers to settle in the Kennebec Valley, because Quaker merchants on Nantucket were already shipping wood products from lands they owned along the Kennebec River.

Quakers, also called the Society of Friends, in general tended to help one another, to work hard, to maintain high morals, and to prosper. Vassalboro had the earliest Quaker group or "meeting" in our area, sanctioned in 1780; North Fairfield,

Sidney, Winthrop and China also had meetings by 1800. Belgrade first met in 1801 or 1802, with Samuel Taylor as the well-respected first leader. The group met here for worship but went to Sidney's full monthly meeting to decide Quaker business affairs.

The Calvin and Samuel Stuart/Stewart families are the earliest recorded members; they are buried in our own Quaker cemetery along with other early Quakers, Eleazer Burbank, his family, the Pinkhams (Pinkham's Cove?) and three Taylor families (Taylor Woods Road). Eleazer was a Revolutionary War veteran and "was afterward dropped from the society for receiving a military pension". There are probably unmarked graves also in our Quaker Cemetery because some Friends considered stone markers too ostentatious.

In 1839 a small meeting house was built beside the cemetery on the Burbanks' farm, on the east side of the road where Rte. 135 meets Rtes. 8 and 11. The church was moved in 1853 by ox teams a mile north on Rte 11 near the Joseph Taylor farm (Frank Page's in 1892; now Loyce Hayslett's). There "they held meetings for several years, but the society gradually died out" and closed down in 1879. The structure was sold to Taylor for a barn, and it burned in 1880. Typical of Maine Quaker meetings, the Belgrade group was probably more influential locally than its small numbers would indicate.

Quotations are taken from *Illustrated History of Kennebec County*, c. 1892.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Mairs



Superintendent's Report

Dear Belgrade Residents:

The children of the Messalonskee School District have had a wonderful year thanks to the support of Belgrade, Oakland, Sidney and Rome as well as the work of a dedicated teaching and support staff.

The good news is that enrollments have stabilized. Currently 235 students are enrolled at the Belgrade Central School, 335 at the James Bean School, 225 at the Atwood Primary School and 235 at the Williams Elementary School. Messalonskee Middle School has 635 students and Messalonskee High School has 918 students. Our class sizes, Pre-K through grade 12, fall within the guidelines of good educational practice and state statute. Currently all children are being educated within their schoolhouse, with the lone exception being the high school where we still use a modular building for classes.

Statewide enrollment has declined and is projected to decline further. We have experienced that decline in our elementary schools, and have made corresponding cuts in staff. The declining enrollment is only just reaching the middle school. The high school will experience minor declines over the next three years. By 2009-2010 the impact of declining elementary enrollment will reach Messalonskee High School. Caution needs to be heeded with any projections. My projections are based upon students currently in our system. I have not attempted to "guess" on any impact of T-Mobile moving into First Park, migration into the District from surrounding communities (though that happens far less often) or any increase in the birth rate. Enrollment is critical as it is the

cornerstone of the state's new education funding formula, Essential Programs and Services (EPS).

EPS represents the most significant overhaul of the school funding formula in over twenty years. The intent of EPS is to provide adequate funding and to distribute that funding equitably throughout Maine's schools in order to fully fund Maine's Learning Results (MLR). This winter the Governor and the Legislature will take on the adequacy component of the new school funding law. This is a critical issue for the children of the state, as well as the taxpayers.

Adequate funding for education and property tax relief was at the cornerstone of the June 2004 referendum sponsored by the Maine Municipal Association. The referendum received popular support from the voters and, as a result, the voters committed the state to 55% of the cost of education and 100% of the cost of special education. The premise is that if the state were paying its share of education costs then there would be less money demanded of property tax payers and, thus, property tax relief.

As the new legislature was seated, the Governor presented the first law of the session for consideration, L.D. 1, "An Act to Increase the State Share of Education Costs, Reduce Property Taxes and Reduce Government Spending at All Levels". His intent was to provide property tax relief by phasing in 55% state aid to education and provide 100% of the funding necessary to support special education. However, L.D. 1 does not meet the will of the electorate that 55% state aid be applied immediately, as expressed in the June

2004 referendum. It provides for 46.5% state aid for education, not 55% state funding in the first year and takes four years to reach 55%; as a result the state will continue to under fund education by tens of millions of dollars.

The legislative process is ongoing. L.D. 1 is likely to change many times as it goes through the legislative process. Ultimately it is uncertain, as I write this to you in early January 2005, what the impact will be on our communities.

The federal No Child left Behind Act (NCLBA) continues to impact the District. In the fall, all students across the country will be tested in grades 3 through 8. President Bush appears to be committed to testing high school students in his second term. Like Augusta, Washington passes on these mandates with no additional federal funds to M.S.A.D. #47 for implementation, leaving the real costs to local school systems and local communities.

Our regionalization efforts with Waterville and Winslow are going forward. To date Messalonskee and Waterville have regionalized transportation under one Director. All three school systems have achieved the following results. (1) The food service program is under a single administrator. (2) By the fall of 2005, the goal is one regional director for adult education. (3) By the summer of 2005, all three high schools with the addition of a fourth partner, Lawrence High School, will have a common summer school program for students struggling to meet Maine's Learning Results (MLR). Many other topics are under consideration. Regionalization has enormous

financial and educational implications for the three school systems. The goal is to contain and/or save operational costs and offer greater opportunities for children in the region.

Our education program has a renewed focus on literacy from pre-kindergarten through grade 12. In addition to the literacy specialist hired to assist staff and students grades K-5, in 2004 we added a literacy specialist to the middle school staff. All indicators are that the middle school program has been extremely well received. Messalonskee High School has made literacy across all curriculum areas central to its mission with noteworthy results.

Messalonskee continues to be recognized as one of Maine's finest school systems, as evidenced by the class of 2004 in which 82.7% moved on to college, a record high and a necessity for this generation. Other indicators include our daily attendance rate that approaches 94% and our extremely low dropout rate. We approach the 2005-2006 school year optimistic due to our fine faculty and the drive of our students.

None of the District's accomplishments would be possible without the support of all four communities. We face the funding challenges and the mandates from both Augusta and Washington with solid Yankee skepticism, yet confident that we can continue to serve the children of our District enthusiastically and effectively.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Belgrade Library Board of Trustees

Dear Belgrade Citizens,

In January we welcomed Loyce Hayslett to our Board. A professional librarian for many years, she brings a wealth of experience to our group. Harry Colt, a Waterville physician, joined us in the fall. His interests are budget development, grant preparation and collections development. Our Trustees, along with the Friends of the Library will continue to dedicate themselves to making your Library the best it can be for all Belgrade residents and visitors.

The role of our Board is to continually assess priorities and to plan accordingly in policy, short term growth, budget development and general support. This year, technology policies were completed and our wireless internet services were introduced. We take great pleasure in introducing services to our pre-school population and their families. We also focus on providing various resources along with pleasure reading for our growing number of patrons. Books which are not housed on our shelves can be signed out through an inter-library loan.

During the year 2004, our library again has grown in patronage and use through the leadership of our Director, involved volunteers, and the untiring efforts of the Friends of the Library. We are most thankful for the support and assistance we have received from so many of our citizens and certainly hope that more people will find their way to the Center and to our small but valuable library treasure. Through programming for children and adults and through varied events and services, we are truly becoming a meeting place and a center for town activity where the wonders of technology and the printed word go hand in hand. Our future work will steadily focus on offering the people of Belgrade one of the most essential components of a vibrant community. We ask for your continued support in meeting this important goal.

Respectfully submitted,

Belgrade Public Library Board of Trustees

Kris Viens, Chairperson

Loyce Hayslett, V. Chairperson

Pat Pow, Secretary

Nancy Mairs, Treasurer

Harry Colt

Tim Corbett

John Willey



Public Library Committee

Our Library collection grew by 737 items to a total of 4,937 in 2004. Borrowing activity increased 23.8 percent over 2003. The Library budget represented half of one percent of the total municipal budget for 2004. The Library Board of Trustees is requesting the same appropriation as the previous year. The Citizens of Belgrade have demonstrated support for local library services. With this support, we were able to leverage grants for new computers and Internet connections for the community. For information regarding the library services listed below call 495-3508.

- Open 23 hours each week
- New Fiction and Nonfiction book circulation
- Local newspaper & Magazines
- Audio Books & Music CD's
- Large print collection
- Interlibrary book borrowing
- Maine collection
- Gardening collection
- Cookbook collection
- Biographies
- Reference services
- Reader advisory
- Book delivery to shut-ins
- Federal and State tax forms
- Community information exchange
- Book discussions

Children's Services

- Children's collection
- Weekly children's story time
- Maggie Schneider Environmental Science collection and programs
- Monthly visits to preschools and daycares
- Summer reading program

Technology

- Public computers and Internet access,
- WIFI wireless connections
- Photocopier and scanner
- Access to informational and educational databases
- Online library catalog

Respectfully Submitted

Marcia Haigh
Library Director
495-3508

Winter Hours

Tuesday Noon - 7 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. - Noon
Saturday Noon - 4 p.m.

Summer Hours

(May 15 Through Oct. 15)
Tuesday Noon - 7 p.m.
Wednesday 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. - Noon

Story Time

Thursday 10:15 a.m.



Friends of the Library

Dear Belgrade Citizens

The Friends of the Belgrade Public Library continue to work in partnership with the Trustees and library staff to support, enrich and extend library services to our community. We have been working steadily to achieve this objective; organizing storytelling gatherings, poetry nights, and book sales.

Perhaps the group's most significant development during the past year has been the August approval of our 501-C-3 status, which designates us a non-profit organization and allows any donations we receive to be tax deductible. Anyone interested in making a donation to the library may contact one of the group's officers for more information.

We continue to meet monthly to discuss and plan events that emphasize library programming. Please join us at 7PM on the third Wednesday of every month at the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Friends of the Belgrade Public Library

Mareen Newman, President

Laura Romano, Vice President

Sharon Hankermeyer, Secretary

Kati Sutton, Treasurer

Belgrade Girl Scout Report

The Belgrade Girl Scouts have five Troops this year, consisting of about 60 girls, ages 1st grade through 7th grade. We have three Brownie Troops, two Junior Girl Scout Troops and a Cadet Troop. We have been having lots of fun and helping out in the Community with Service Projects.

In October this year, we held a joint food fund-raiser at The Center for All Seasons Craft Show. It was very successful !! Thanks to all the leaders who organized their troops with all the donations of food.

This November for Thanksgiving, Girl Scout Troops joined together to provide a Thanksgiving Dinner for a needy family here in Belgrade. With all the food donations received from the troops, we were able to provide a lot of additional foods for the family.

Cheryl Gliniewicz's Brownie Troop has taken on an ambitious project. Troop #1544 is asking for participation in collecting items that will be donated to the Maine General Medical Center Maternity Ward. The items will be given to newborn babies whose mothers are in need of financial support. Please help this troop with this worthwhile Service Project. Items can be left in a box at the Town Office or at the Center for All Seasons. For any questions please call Cheryl at 465-3944.

In December, Belgrade Girl Scouts organized at Belgrade Central School for a joint Christmas party and to make edible ornaments for our adopted Christmas tree in Workman's ballfield. We enjoyed hanging our ornaments, singing carols around the tree, drinking hot chocolate, eating pizza and exchanging Christmas tree ornaments.

Along with holding our Christmas party the Belgrade Girl Scouts provided a family of three children and a single mom with a large number of presents for their Christmas holiday. All the girls participated in wrapping the gifts. We had a

truckload! The family was extremely pleased and overwhelmed. Thank you Leaders, girls and parents who went out and purchased items on their own. We truly appreciated the generosity of all who participated.

The Cadet Troop has taken on an ambitious project of completing their Silver Award this year. This award is the highest a Girl Scout may receive at the Cadet level. This entails a total of more than 30 hours of volunteer work individually, lots of badge earning and an actual 7 - 10 hours of work on the chosen project. The girls have chosen to complete a memorial garden down to the Center For All Seasons. They will be dedicating the garden to Yvette Farris, a long time Girl Scout, supporter of Girl Scouts and a friend of Girl Scouts. She was someone we could always count on. Belgrade Girl Scouts have a joint savings account of which was started with support from Yvette. To this account we annually add money we earn as a group. The money is then used for activities which include all the troops, such as; community service projects, our Christmas Party and our end of year ceremony.

We are now in the process of selling cookies so that the troops can go on special trips and to help pay for the badges the girls earn throughout the year.

I would like to thank all the Leaders who give of their time so willingly. If you did not volunteer these girls would not be able to be part of the Girl Scout Organization, as this program relies on people like you who volunteer their time to help make the difference in these girls lives. Thank you. Many thanks to the parents and businesses who support us.

Respectfully Submitted
Belgrade Girl Scout TOC,
Mary Vogel



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. As of February 2004, there were 43 boys in the Belgrade Cub Scout Pack. With the addition of boys from Mount Vernon, the pack has grown to 50 boys. The dens have taken numerous field trips, and we have had a number of special events; a campfire Pack meeting at the Center for All Seasons, a Cub Scout cake bake in January, Pinewood Derby in March, and a special overnight trip to Battleship Cove in April. The Cub Scouts have also participated in the Fall and Spring Camporees 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 helped to maintain the new ground cover plantings at Hayden Park this summer. Also, 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 Dwayne Bickford (465-7949) or 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 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 thank the residents of Belgrade for their support in 2004. Newspaper recycling continues to provide the main financial support for our Troop. Early most Saturday mornings, you will see our sons and adult volunteers baling newspapers at the recycling station at the Belgrade Transfer Station. These efforts allow the scouts to take responsibility for support of many Troop activities while establishing a sense of environmental responsibility in the boys. We appreciate the newspaper contributions by town residents, and are pleased to contribute to the Town of Belgrade by including the sale of magazines in our cooperative agreement for newspapers. Along with funds derived from our annual popcorn sale, these resources allow for a strong scouting experience for our Belgrade boys and boys from neighboring Sidney.

Our Troop consists of 18 boys most of which are busy working on advancement requirements. Scouting would not be complete without some adventure to put newly learned skills to use. In 2004, Troop 453 participated in rock climbing, skiing, winter camping at Camp Bomazeen, Spring Camporee in Vassalboro, Summer Camp at Camp Roosevelt, a campout on Great Pond, a camping/hiking trip to Gulf Hags - which included a service project of clearing brush around trails and a campsite, a camping/hiking trip to Acadia National Park and an autumn hike to Piazza Rock.

Troop 453 service projects for 2004 included painting of the sand-salt shack located near the town office (constructed as Tim Veilleux's 2003 Eagle service project), transport of chairs to and from the Town's Memorial Day

service in addition to presentation of the colors, painting of the bleachers and backstop at the Belgrade Central School and distribution of luminaries for the Christmas Stroll in Belgrade Lakes. In addition, many scouts assisted Mitch Swan with his Eagle project of building benches for the Kennebec Highland's hiking trails.

In 2004, our scouts achieved rank advancement to Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class in addition to earning merit badges. Particularly noteworthy in 2004, is attainment of Eagle rank by Tim Veilleux and Keith Levasseur. Congratulations young men!

We thank everyone at the Town Office and the Transfer Station for their help and support. Likewise, we extend our appreciation to local businesses and individuals for the support they provide. In particular, we thank our sponsor, the Belgrade Lions Club for being our Troop Sponsor.

We appreciate Scoutmaster Glen Davis' efforts to maintain good contact with the Belgrade and Sidney Cub Scout Packs, particularly with the Second-year Webelos, to assure continued growth of our Troop and maintain the strong tradition of Scouting in Belgrade. If you know of a boy between the ages of 11 and 18 who is interested in becoming a Boy Scout, or if you would like to volunteer your time and talent to Troop 453, please contact Scoutmaster Glen Davis at 495-3337 or Committee Chairperson Frank Haggan at 495-2121.

Respectfully Submitted,

Boy Scout Troop 453, Troop Committee



Recreation Report

We have completed our fourth year of operation at the Belgrade Community Center For All Seasons and 2004 was as busy as we had expected it to be; another wonderful year of exceptional recreation and well attended community events. We once again offered programs and open house social time for all ages and skill levels.

Child gymboreses were well attended. This gave opportunity for young toddlers to begin socializing with their soon to be peers. Both the After School Education Program and the Summer Day Camp Program were well utilized, filling to capacity on registration night! Remember, if you plan to utilize these programs this coming year, be sure to clear your calendars for registration night. Information will be available in the beginning of May.

We held several outdoor educational classes for our citizens this year. For young teens and adults, the State Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife held a Hunter Safety Course and an All Terrain Vehicle Safety Course. For our summer day camp participants, a Lost In The Woods In Maine Safety Seminar was held that the children will not soon forget. Also, the Belgrade Lakes Association visited our summer day camp to share education on keeping our lakes clean and free of invasive plants. Our children were taught how to recognize invasive plants and what impact they have on our lakes.

Several teenagers took advantage of our Volunteer Summer Day Camp Counselor in Training Program where young teens learn how to work with children in groups and as individuals. The teens that participated this past summer learned how to utilize many valuable tools and resources while helping supervise group activities and taking part in planning different activities. Other teenagers utilized the center during the many open house hours that the gym was available to take care of their recreational needs. We are still in the process of developing additional teen programs into our calendar of activities. We invite you to share your ideas and special interest with us.

There were several programs offered that our young adults, adults and seniors were able to take advantage of. We offered space for bridge club gatherings, adult walking programs, Aerobics, Yoga and Tai Chi classes, senior trips and a wonderful senior, summer luncheon that at least 150 seniors took advantage of. On top of this, we were also able to offer lots of time for adult pick-up basketball games.

Community Gatherings that were hosted included the Belgrade Business Group Winter Carnival, our Annual Easter Egg Hunt, the Board of Parks and Recreation's, well attended, March Talent Show, the Fire Department's Bean Hole Supper, our Annual Community Gathering, The Long Pond Realty Annual Blood Drive, our Annual Holiday Gathering and a few really good Basket Bingos that were held as fundraisers.

We offered opportunities for everyone! However, 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.

As a result of the many dedicated volunteers that do share their time with us, we have been able to offer many successful programs. These citizens are and always will be the backbone to our continued success. As we have seen clearly these past few years, our citizens are willing to come share their many different talents and interest with us. We would like to extend our most sincere thanks to these many citizens who have continued to provide support in recreation. We would also, once again, urge you to come share your special interest with us!

At our 2004 Talent Show Jeffrey Stevens and Marie Pulsifer were recognized as our Citizens of the year 2004. Congratulations to both of you for your hard work and continued dedication to our Belgrade community.

The Board of Parks and Recreation continue to be faithful in attending meetings and supporting our special programs by filling in at times when volunteers were needed for programs and events. We urge you to get involved... come participate in on-going programs or suggest new ones. I have recently resigned as Belgrade's Recreation Director. The Center's programs are strongly supported and continue to thrive and grow each day. I have enjoyed working with my

community and the many wonderful children that have utilized the Center's program. I will truly miss working with you all. Continue to be dedicated! The Center continually shows positive growth within our community.

Although the Belgrade Community Center For All Seasons' primary focus is recreational programming, we also offer rental usage of the facility when the center is not being used for programming. Call now for all your facility rental needs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathie Pinkham

Former, Belgrade Recreation Director

Belgrade Recreation Association, Inc.

As another year comes to a close, we at the Belgrade Recreation Association, Inc. are proud to look back on successfully providing three fun-filled seasons of sports programs for the youth of the area.

Springtime brings forth not only rain and flowers but also T-ball, softball and baseball-a very busy time for all involved. It is so rewarding to see how excited the kids are when spring is finally here. They just can't wait to get out on the fields! The Snack Shack continues to be a solid fundraiser for us and could not operate without the many volunteers who donate their time. For the fifth year in a row the Belgrade Lakes Golf Course generously allowed us to use their beautiful golf course for our major fundraiser. Despite the rain that day, our turnout was excellent! Thanks to all who helped in organizing this event. In what almost seems to be an annual occurrence, the 9,10 and 11-year old baseball all-star teams took home State Championships and represented Maine (and Messalonskee) in the Regional Tournaments. Once again, congratulations to all of our Belgrade athletes who participated and to all of the dedicated parents.

The fall soccer season and the winter basketball season also showed us again the value in providing organized sports programs. Over 100 children in grades K-6 participated and developed their skills playing short-sided soccer games on Saturday mornings. The soccer Travel Team competed in 22 games and won 21. What an awesome season! 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.

In the area of buildings and grounds projects, Workman Field received a new pitcher's mound and another soccer net was added to match the one purchased last year. Field cleanup day this past spring proved to be one of the biggest turnouts in ages. Thanks to all who braved the cold to help prepare our fields for the season. A "big" thank you to Ken Workman and all the other volunteers who helped maintain the ball fields during both the spring and fall seasons. Ken, we couldn't do it without you!

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. In the upcoming year we will be losing some dedicated people who held key positions. Please get involved with the programs and make sure that all of our area children enjoy the best experience possible. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Belgrade Lakes Association

The Belgrade Lakes Association (BLA) strives to protect and enhance the watershed of Great and Long Ponds through preservation, education and action. A lot depends upon the health of these lakes: Belgrade's tax base—heavily reliant on the valuation of shorefront property, the economic health of local service businesses, tourism, as well as the recreational needs and quality of life of residents and visitors.

In 2004, we focused on preventing the spread of invasive aquatic plants like milfoil and protecting water quality. Courtesy Boat Inspectors at the Great and Long Pond boat launches performed 2,100 inspections over 1,006 hours from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Volunteer inspector and BLA Board Member Lea Ramirez stopped the introduction of Eurasian water milfoil into Great Pond on September 2, 2004. Had Lea not been there, experts say the aggressive invader would have colonized the pond. We also hired experts to survey Long Pond for the presence of the 11 banned plants; none were found. (Great Pond was surveyed in 2003; no invasives found.)

We monitor both ponds for water quality. Educational outreach via our quarterly newsletter, website, and annual meeting emphasizes the importance of preventing runoff from all watershed properties and camp roads. We will pay for a three month study of both lakes' water quality this next summer in partnership with Colby College and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. On July 9, 2005, we will offer a free workshop to teach

watershed residents how they can maintain their land to protect the lakes. On July 30 and 31, we are hosting 6 cruises aboard a floating classroom; watershed residents will be invited to participate without cost.

We support the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance and its Conservation Corps and Milfoil Committee, the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program and the Maine Congress of Lake Associations. We also fund maintenance expenses of the Mountain in Rome. BLA expenses for environmental programs totaled \$14,405 for FY 2004. In addition, volunteers contributed over 300 hours, making an in-kind donation in excess of \$3,000.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and all who enjoy these ponds, I would like to express our appreciation for the outstanding support we receive from the Town of Belgrade and its residents year after year. Thank you, Belgrade!

Bruce Fenn, III
President, Belgrade Lakes Association

BRCA Milfoil Committee Report

Invasive Aquatic Plant Prevention, 2004

The Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA) Milfoil Committee is made up of representatives from the region's 5 lake associations who have come together to prevent the spread of invasive aquatic plants in the Belgrade Chain of Ponds. Organized under the auspices of the BRCA, the Committee runs two separate programs, Courtesy Boat Inspections and Invasive Plant Surveys. Both efforts focus on public boat launches because invasive aquatic plants are known to move from lake to lake on the boats, trailers and equipment of humans.

Courtesy Boat Inspection Program: BRCA's Courtesy Boat Inspectors (CBI's) monitored 7 public launch sites between Memorial Day and Labor Day, 2004. Our inspectors logged 2,427 hours and completed 4,235 inspections during the 15 week season, a number that represents 14% of all boat inspections in Maine last summer (30,229). On Labor Day weekend, volunteer Lea A. Ramirez intercepted Eurasian watermilfoil minutes before it was introduced to Great Pond, where experts say it certainly would have taken root and thrived.

Invasive Plant Patrol: The second part of the Milfoil Committee's work is an annual inspection of the shallow areas surrounding public launch sites on uninfested lakes in the chain. Trained volunteers equipped with scuba diving gear or hand-made aquascopes survey the lake bottom for 300 feet to either side of each launch and out to a depth of 15

feet. The point of the yearly examination is to increase our chances of early detection and possible eradication, if one of the 11 banned plant species is introduced to a lake. In 2004, the Plant Patrol completed surveys on East, Great, Long, and North ponds and the Belgrade Stream above Wings Mill Dam, finding no invasive aquatic plants. Salmon Lake was not surveyed this year, due to bad weather.

This work would not have been possible without the strong, ongoing support which our committee has received from the town and the people of Belgrade. The 5 lake associations and the Board of the BRCA join with us in expressing our sincere appreciation for your help.

Maggie Shannon, Chair
BRCA Milfoil Committee

Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group

The year 2004 was an exciting year for two of our local service organizations. Belgrade Lakes Region, Inc. and The Belgrade Business Group merged to become a single entity effective October 20, 2004, and are now known as The Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group.

The mission of the new group is to promote our region of Belgrade Lakes as the premiere community, four season vacation and recreational destination in central Maine and to continue to contribute to the economic growth of the entire region.

The region consists of the watershed towns of Belgrade area chain of lakes including Belgrade, Oakland, Rome, Mercer, Sidney, Smithfield and Mt. Vernon.

As in the past we have a strong focus on community, and that focus holds a prominent role in the annual activities of the group. Some examples are:

- Belgrade's annual celebration of the 4th of July is a true summer fest that offers rides, a parade, tons of local activities, including craft activities, a frog jumping contest, antique boat parade and all topped off with our special 4th of July fireworks display.
- Winter Carnival, offering fabulous fun in the snow with sleigh rides, snow shoe races, snow sculpturing, bonfires and, of course, a hand ice auger contest.
- Christmas Stroll offers an opportunity to kick off the Christmas season with strolling carolers, luminaries, chats with Santa, a stroll throughout the village and horse drawn rides.

- October Fest is a welcome to fall celebration offering music, wagon rides, craft activities and old fashion pie bake off and cookie sales.
- Basket Bingo is one of the most fun fundraisers of the year with Longaberger Baskets and 100% of the proceeds going back into the community.

Operating and maintaining the information center is a significant focus of the group. The center this year was host to 1,497 visitors from 35 states and, of course, all of New England was represented by visitors as well as France, Germany, New Zealand, The Netherlands, Spain, West Indies and many other countries of the world. The volunteer activity that keeps the center in operation is remarkable and we all owe a great deal of thanks to the many volunteers that donate their time and energy in keeping the center a primary contact point for our many visitors.

This year the new group will be updating the regions web site offering new and exciting local maps and service directories to our visitors as well as increasing our focus on community development.

A very special Thank You to the citizens of Belgrade for the long standing support and for participating in the many activities we sponsor throughout the year.

Charlie Grover, President
Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group



Belgrade-Rome Special Needs Food Pantry

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

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

We are able to do this through the support and generosity of so many people and organizations.

Our loyal and dedicated Volunteers are so important to our organization.

In 2004, our thirteenth year in operation, we served 48 families. The total number of people in these 48 families is 136. We had 16 new families this year. Many of the families receive food once a month while others required our services once or twice. From January to December, we served these families 193 times feeding 516 people.

Every year there are several fund- raisers and food drives held to raise money and collect food to benefit the Food Pantry.

On Make a Difference Day, the Long Pond Literary Club collected food and money in front of Day's Store. They also raise money for the Food Pantry with a yearlong bottle drive. These women really know how to Make a Difference and have a great time doing it.

Dr. Tim Comford conducted his yearly fund- raiser on the day of the Christmas Stroll. It continues to be a tremendous success. We are grateful for his time and generosity and also the generosity of his patients.

In November, the staff, faculty and children at Belgrade Central School collected 1300 items weighing 1400 lbs. On the day that the food is moved to the Food Pantry the entire school is involved.

The children and teachers handle every donated item, which is then weighed and boxed. The student council loaded the boxes onto the school bus and unloaded all of the boxes at the Food Pantry. We were so impressed with these children, they were just great.

Members of the Business Group held a Santa's Breakfast at the Center for All Seasons to benefit the Food Pantry. Balloons and Things, Day's Store and Lake and Country were sponsors for the event. Great idea! Fun at the same time. Thank you so much.

A donation from the Lions Club provides our current and most needy families with both a Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner. Thank you for thinking of us every year. It is greatly appreciated by all of our clients.

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.

Our food comes from many sources. We receive generous donations of food and household items from Sam's Club, Michael Pooler, the local churches and from all the collection boxes at both Post Offices and the Town Office.

The Food Pantries in Kennebec and Somerset Counties receive food from the United States Department of Agriculture that is distributed to us through KVCAP. We continue our membership 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 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.

North Belgrade Baptist Church
Bible Church
Old South Church
St. Theresa's and St. Helena's Church
Rome Baptist Church
Union Church
Belgrade Town Office- Staff
Long Pond Realty
KVM Club
Belgrade Dragg in Masters (Snowmobile Club)
Rome Ruff Riders
Marine Corps League Det. 599
Skip and Verna Hammond

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 you continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Pulsifer, Chairperson

Pat Pow, Secretary

Reno Deschaine, Treasurer

Joan Tripp, Volunteer Coordinator

Barbara Smith, Publicity

Board Members

Jan Bourne

Maureen Maslak

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 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 Parents Creative Arts Committee continues to extend our students' artistic and cultural experiences. This past year we have had live theater performances, a puppetry residency, a dance and movement residency and a water color artist. Our students get great training during these experiences, which expose them to acting, prop and costume preparation, as well as creating paintings and performances themselves. This past year we had a sculptor work with our fifth graders, which was a huge success.

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 students' 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. We continue to slowly expand these offerings.

Our library is continuing to arrange the annual visit of a children's book author or illustrator. These wonderful authors and illustrators provide whole-school presentations, as well as individual classroom workshops.

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

Linda Sprague

Don C. Stevens Trust Expenditures and Proposed 2004 Budget

	2004 proposed	2004 spent	2005 proposed
General			
Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$372.79	\$500.00
Art			
Teacher Supplies	\$1000.00	\$731.20	\$1000.00
Laminator	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Ellison Letter Machine	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$800.00
Enrichment			
PCAC	\$6400.00	\$5915.00	\$6400.00
Technology Resource	\$700.00	\$246.00	\$400.00
Art Enrichment	\$1825.00	\$1148.95	\$1500.00
Math/Science			
Materials	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$300.00
Field Trips	\$2000.00	\$789.90	\$2000.00
Reading/Writing			
Reference	\$500.00	\$328.32	\$500.00
Library	\$1700.00	\$1375.00	\$1500.00
Supplemental	\$1800.00	\$1045.18	\$2000.00
Book Awards	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Pride Books	\$400.00	\$247.40	\$400.00
Totals	\$18,325.00	\$13,199.74	\$18,000.00



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 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 2004 school year, the Robert A. Guptill Historical Trust Fund was used for a fifth grade field trip to Sturbridge Village, as well as a second grade field trip to the University of Maine. 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 2004 Year

December 2003	Ending Balance	3,099.69
January 16, 2004	Deposit-Annual Interest	365.00
May 6, 2004	Old Sturbridge Village	-426.00
May 24, 2004	Reimb. from Old Sturbridge Village for overpayment	33.00
June 2, 2004	Univ. of Maine Gr. 2 field trip	-142.00
December 2004	Ending Balance	\$2,564.69

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Houghton, Principal
Belgrade Central School

Tree Warden Report

This year comes to a close as it started, rather quietly! This is a good thing with respect to the trees in our community, however. There were no major weather events or crisis that caused for tree concerns either on town property or residential.

Have no fear, there was work that occurred throughout the year, however! The Town of Belgrade was the recipient of a grant project coordinated through the Kennebec County Soil and Water Conservation District, which focused on a buffer project at Hayden Park. Through the guidance of Josh Platt, Education Coordinator for KCSWCD, Belgrade Tree Stewards and Good-Will Hinckley students implemented the design plan from KCSWCS. In one day, many



hands planted a variety of shrubs in three planting beds. A tree was even planted! This buffer project is intended to help mitigate surface water runoff as well as improve the aesthetics of the area. Many

thanks to all the volunteers for their help!

Central Maine Power helped with some trimming as well, specifically along Main Street in downtown Belgrade Lakes. Initially trimming was the priority, but one tree did have to be removed. We are looking at the possibilities of replanting in some areas along Main Street in order to maintain the tree-lined downtown landscape appeal for the coming year.

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Belgrade Draggin' Masters Snowmobile Club

Our purpose of publishing a report as a Snowmobile Club is to keep townspeople informed of our activities and how the activities do, in fact, impact on us as a Club and also you as landowners. We do especially want to express sincere thanks to all landowners who give us permission to cross on/through your properties. The cooperation of landowners allowing us to have our trails enables all snowmobile riders access throughout the entire state to unlimited destinations.

As you read this report you will know how our snowmobile season turned out—we had to make a major change to our trails in Belgrade Lakes due to some thoughtlessness of snowmobilers taking undue liberties with private property—this could happen to any of our trails. Every year we have to make some changes due to new building construction, but a major change due to destruction has a heavy impact to our Club and to landowner relationships. I have been pleased, personally, with the diplomatic manner in which our Club members have handled these most delicate issues and have made the necessary amendments/changes, etc. to comply with landowner needs.

During the fall Club members were very busy making improvements to our trails—naturally, we did our usual tree trimming, tree fall-down removal, sign postings, but we did repair several bridges and a lot of trail work. The major site, thanks to landowner John Damren, was making the steep decline much smoother (with the work of Kevin Hawes and his equipment) and safer for all riders.

Again, to thank the landowners, we are going to repeat a “thank-you” dinner hosted by Club members on April 9, at Belgrade Central school cafeteria. All landowners and families are encouraged to attend (no cost to attendees) and, at this time, we also will be happy to discuss any questions/concerns you may have—you will receive an invitation by mail.

We are working with the Belgrade Rescue, currently, to acquire a rescue sled through MSA (Maine Snowmobile Association). We are happy to report that through all our fundraising activities and generous donations from community persons we have completed the entire cost/payment for the tractor drag unit which was purchased by the Club.

Snowmobile trails are not for use by ATV's—they must get permission from landowners for the use of property trails. In fact, it is against the law to use snowmobile trails or be on properties without landowner permission and this law is enforced by the Maine game wardens.

If any resident wishes to report any problem/abuse, please feel free to contact me at (207) 495-3445. Either myself, Ernie Rice, Vice President, or Bill Wadleigh, Safety Officer, will handle such calls and will see that it is channeled to an appropriate Club member for immediate response of appropriate/necessary corrective measures.

Once again, the Club wishes to thank all townspeople and landowners for your continued support for the enjoyment of the recreational activity of snowmobiling.

Sincerely,

Lou Ashland, President

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 2004. 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 2005 in any way possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Belgrade Lions Club

A Letter From Your State Representative

Maine On the Move Again!

To: The Citizens of the Town of Belgrade

The phrase “Small Business” is very much in play at the Legislature these days. As the author of the “Growth from Within” economic development strategy for Maine, I believe we are seeing the beginnings of a new approach to rebuilding the Maine economy from the bottom up. The old, tired business attraction model is slowly giving way to the people/ideas model that will foster a new spirit of entrepreneurship in our State.

No one area demands development more than does that of our natural resources. My next term on the IF&W Committee will be focused on how to build our hunting, fishing, hiking, snowmobile, ATV and rafting industries to a world class level. Develop our natural resources, and we will grow a strong service industry to support that development. This is critical for the economy of Belgrade.

One of the most important bills I will introduce this session is to declare everything north of the Androscoggin River a Pine Tree Recreation Zone, with all the tax and financing benefits of the Pine Tree Enterprise Zones going toward new outfitters that establish recreational businesses. If we can move this bill through the Legislature, we will have taken a first step toward identifying the “other Maine” that has failed to keep pace with the Southern half of the State.

I am grateful to the citizens of Belgrade for their confidence in returning me to the Legislature. I have staked my personal reputation, not on advancing any partisan ideology, but on taking the long overdue steps toward changing the way Maine looks at itself and the outside world. The degree to which I am successful in this effort will dictate any future political aspirations on my part.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve your town once again.

Kindest regards,

Rep. Stan Moody

A Letter From Your State Senator

I want to thank you for providing me the opportunity to serve as your State Senator and represent your interests in Augusta. I am honored that you have entrusted me with this responsibility. I look forward to tackling the important issues as we head into the First Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature.

Due to redistricting I will be representing you, the residents of Belgrade, for the first time. Even though I am new to you, I am not new to the legislative process. I served two previous terms as the State Senator for District #17, which encompassed towns in Franklin, Kennebec and Somerset counties. I now represent District #18 which includes towns in those same three counties.

This year, I was appointed to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee. I served on this committee in the 120th Legislature and thoroughly enjoyed the work. I am excited to be serving on this committee again as I have a lifelong interest in hunting and fishing and the issues involved with Maine's traditional uses and outdoor heritage. The Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee is responsible for the Department of Inland and Wildlife; hunting; fishing; trapping; recreational and hunter safety; fisheries and wildlife research; fish hatcheries; wardens; licensing; ATV's; snowmobiles; boat registration; and whitewater rafting.

The 122nd Legislature will deal with some very difficult issues in the coming months. The estimated budget shortfall is approximately \$750 million and the Governor has pledged not to raise taxes to fill the gap. I will do my part to hold him to that promise.

The last elections cycles have shown elected officials that the citizens of this state want tax

reform. Recent ballot initiatives have driven that fact home; the people of Maine want meaningful tax relief and they want it now. To that end, the 122nd Maine Legislature has convened a special bi-partisan committee to study the issue and make recommendations for change. A deadline for recommendations has been set for January 14, 2005. At that time the full Legislature will consider the committee's report.

Some of those recommendations are expected to mirror plans put forth by members of the 121st Legislature that addressed the inequities of both the property tax and income tax systems. Under the proposed income tax plan 40% of Maine's neediest families would benefit by having their income tax eliminated. The plan also sought a constitutional amendment that would cap the growth of spending for state, county and municipal government to the rate of inflation plus the percentage growth in population. I firmly believe that a cap is essential to meaningful relief. We must bring spending under control, as it is the best way to deliver long-term tax relief and stable funding for government services.

I hope you will continue to keep me informed of your views and suggestions. Please do not hesitate to call me at my home (778-6220) or, when the Senate is in session, at our 24 hour toll-free line (1-800-423-6900). You may also email me at cewoodcock@yahoo.com.

Thank you again for the opportunity to represent you in Augusta.

Sincerely,

Chandler E. Woodcock



Sexton's Report

Another year has passed. Plans are underway to develop the new cemetery addition next to Routes 8 and 11. There was plenty of water and plenty of sun. The grass grew steady all season long. We will maintain the cemetery this year and look for funds to make repairs and improvements in the following years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Urbanek
Sexton

Town Clerk's Report

Births Recorded In 2004	19
Marriages Recorded In 2004	27
Deaths Recorded In 2004	20

Deaths

Bickford, Clyde L.	March 3, 2004	78 years
Bickford, Hazel	October 23, 2004	87 years
Bolch, Nancy B.	November 9, 2004	72 years
Bowen, Justine R.	May 27, 2004	85 years
Clement, Ethel M.	December 31, 2004	88 years
Damren, Margaret M.	January 14, 2004	91 years
Endicott, Ralph E.	January 7, 2004	86 years
Errington, Harold E.	June 5, 2004	77 years
French, James L.	December 7, 2004	57 years
Galouch, Norman E.	January 5, 2004	73 years
Hamil, Charlotte	July 23, 2004	94 years
Hammond, Reginald T.	April 2, 2004	81 years
Jancovic, Muriel	December 18, 2004	83 years
Knowlton, Jo-Ann D.	April 28, 2004	48 years
Megill, Robert	November 18, 2004	76 years
Minot, Marion E.	August 22, 2004	73 years
Scott, Kathleen J.	April 21, 2004	68 years
Soucy, George A.	May 5, 2004	71 years
Stevens, Edward J. Sr.	November 30, 2004	75 years
Strickland, June	January 27, 2004	70 years

Dog Licensing

Licenses Issued	314	Kennel Licenses Issued	6
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Fish & Wildlife Licenses Issued

Adult Hunt & Fish Combination	308	Junior Fish	10
Adult Hunting	112	Junior Hunt	52
Archery	61	Migratory Waterfowl	42
Bear Permits	15	Muzzle Loading Permit	54
Coyote	7	Pheasant Stamps	0
Expanded Archery	14	Servicemen's Fish	4
Fall Turkey	11	Small Game	1
Fishing	444	Supersport	4
		Total	1139



Tax Collector's Report

2003 Unpaid Real Property Taxes As of January 31, 2005

Name	Amount
Berube, Gerard	722.60
Bickford, Thomas	362.57
Borssen, Arne	1,556.98
Carpenter, Dana	2261.22
Carpenter, Dana	143.16
Childs, Kathleen	453.38
Cochran, Marion	348.19
Conant, Douglas	633.45
Cook, Kenneth H.	1,278.85
Damren, Norman	465.86
Danforth, Veronica	587.10
Dion, Randy	991.81
Donahue, Andrew T.	629.89
Dulac, Paula B.	3,402.26
Ellis, Anita R.	1,578.38
Finley, Martin S.	850.96
Fitzgerald, David	620.97
Flanagan, Bartlett	2,840.65
French, Helen	704.77
Gould, Roger	1,852.94
Gould, Roger	196.65
Grant, Jeffrey	660.20
Green, Wayne	373.15
Guimond, Tammy	1,362.65
Hamilton, Kenneth	972.20
Harvey, Jane L.	374.94
Johnson, Everett	895.54
Kennebec Camps	2,157.99
Kenney, Cindy	403.46
LaChance, Richard	1,323.43
LaFreniere, Lance	2,289.74
Landry, Linda L.	460.51
Languet, Albert H.	1,407.22
Lemelin, Deborah	50.45
Lomba, Adam Lynch	701.20

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Name	Amount
Magoon, Thomas	2,414.55
Maine Central Railroad	915.15
Maine Central Railroad	267.96
Markham, Janice	1,651.48
McKendry, Peter	44.23
Merrow, Eugene B.	355.32
Merrow, Eugene B.	128.90
Norwest Bank	1,364.43
Pelletier, Roger	1,086.30
Pray Edna Realty	809.96
Raynes, David	1,719.22
Sawyer, Carroll	112.85
Sawyer, Carroll	357.11
Serio, Frank	2,661.51
Skeel, Richard	640.58
Stevens, Ormand	507.05
Stevens, Ormand	59.37
Sturk, Suzette	3,136.61
Theriault, Daniel	1,027.47
Tompkins, Doray D.	369.59
Vieta, Sara J.	323.23
Vieta, Sara J.	316.10
Webster, Jamison	162.77
Wood, Harvey	1,811.93
TOTAL	58,158.99

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***2004 Unpaid Real Property Taxes
As of February 1, 2005***

Name	Amount
Abena Realty Trust	256.41
Adams, Barbara J.	703.74
Alexander, Brian	315.24
Alexander, Craig	344.10
Allain, Jennifer	276.39
Amik Realty, LLC	7,095.12
Ardito, Ralph	1,253.19
Ardito, Ralph, Jr.	1,461.87
Ashland, Dori L.	59.94
August, R Diedric	694.86
Baker, James G.	1249.86
Baker, James H.	222.00
Barejka, Gail	1,264.29
Belgrade Lakes Boathouse, LLC	3,172.38
Bergeron, Martha	146.52
Berube, Gerard	757.02
Bickford, Thomas	855.81
Bonneface, Darlene	1,214.34
Bonneface, Darlene	150.96
Borssen, Arne	1,225.44
Bouchard, Reginald	172.05
Brann, Roberto	651.57
Brann, Terry L.	832.50
Breton, Forest	139.86
Breton, Richard	177.60
Buck, Patricia	1,497.39
Buck, Patricia	884.67
Bureau, Kenneth E.	1,960.42
Burgess, Chris J.	78.81
Burgess, Helen	394.05
Burgess, Helen	1,666.11
Burgess, Leon D.	164.42
Burton, Terry	1,056.72
Campbell, Ronald	265.29
Campbell, Michael	55.50
Cappello, Angelo	880.18
Carpenter, Dana	2,353.20
Carpenter, Dana	140.97
Childs, Kathleen	517.26
Ciforelli, Robert	761.61

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Name	Amount
Clewley, Timothy	1,158.84
Clewley, Vicki	3,301.14
Cochran, Marion	414.03
Conant, Douglass	652.68
Cook, Kenneth H.	1,211.01
Cote, P. Richard	1,914.75
Cottle, Muriel	487.92
Crawford Lois-Ann	2,202.24
Crommett, Craig L.	1,303.14
Crosby, Donald L.	1,168.83
Daku, Jacob G.	1,005.66
Damren Richard	241.98
Damren, Norman	382.95
Damren, Susan	1,173.27
Danforth, Veronica	492.84
Davis, Jeffrey	551.67
Davis, Robert W.	365.49
Desimone, Michael	230.88
Dexter, Patrick V.	1,343.10
Dion, Randy	1,096.68
Dolak, Robert A.	285.27
Dolak, Robert A.	1,051.17
Donahue, Andrew T.	123.21
Dostie, Florian	2,438.67
Dulac, Paula B.	3,212.34
Eaton, Charles Jr.	753.69
Edgecomb, Patricia	15.54
Ego, Gloria A.	899.10
Ellis, Anita R.	1,973.58
Ellis, Kimberly J.	516.43
Finley, Martin S.	600.51
Fitzgerald, David	799.20
Flanagan, Bartlet	3,391.05
French, Gail	654.90
French, Helen	622.71
French, Gregory	1,136.64
Gagnon, Gertrude	250.81
Gawler, Annabel	701.52
Gee, Russell	58.83
Gould, Roger	2,237.76
Gould, Roger	184.26
Grant, Jeffrey R.	502.83
Grant, Shawn	510.60
Grant, Shawn	2,010.21

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Name	Amount
Green, Wayne	219.78
Guimond, Tammy	774.78
Guite, Parris A.	1,769.34
Hafford, Robert K.	1,630.59
Hamilton, Kenneth	864.69
Harvey, Jane L.	222.00
Herrmann, John A.	265.29
Holman, Jeffrey R.	294.15
Hooper, Lucretia	751.47
Howe, Michael R.	1,124.27
Hoyt, Bonnie A.	1,724.94
Hunt, Bob	1,097.79
Hutchings, Duane	202.26
Jabar, Joseph M.	1,098.90
Jenney, Spencer	1,269.85
Johnson, Carol	123.21
Johnson, Everett	617.16
Johnson, Kirsten	1,732.71
Kadner, Keith J.	246.42
Katz, Steven T.	1,132.20
Katz, Steven T.	162.06
Kennebec Camps	10,120.98
Kenney, Cindy	298.59
Ketch, Edward L.	967.92
Kinney, Kevin C.	1,369.74
Knox-Voina, Jane	885.78
Lachance, Richard	1,565.10
LaFreniere, Lance	1,260.96
Lambert, Dawn	1,387.50
Landry, Linda L.	788.10
Languet, Albert H.	1,421.91
Lavenson, Joel	77.70
Lavenson, Joel	2,608.50
Leibfried, Edward	657.54
Lemelin, Deborah	16.65
Lewis, Don M. II	2,521.92
Libby, Cecile	2,118.99
Libby, Keith M.	904.65
Lomba, Adam Lynch	1,219.89
Long, Michael	2,725.05
Mace, Everett	31.08
Mace, Everett	13.32
Mace, William	401.82
Mace, William	894.66

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Name	Amount
MacGovern, Robert	112.11
Magoon, Thomas	2,607.39
Maine Central Railroad	528.36
Maine Central Railroad	222.00
Markham, Janice	1,587.30
McDade, Jonathan	2,703.96
McKendry, Peter	1,112.22
Merrow, Anita	2,148.33
Merrow, Christopher	873.57
Merrow, Eugene B.	533.26
Merrow, Eugene B.	381.84
Merrow, Eugene B.	94.35
Merrow, Lawrence	485.68
Mills, Joel K.	228.66
Movsessian, William	1,682.76
Murray, Dorothy S.	1,222.11
Nelson, Roy W. Jr.	19.98
Nilson, Rhonda L.	612.72
Nilson, Rhonda L.	886.89
Northwest Bank	1,121.10
O'Keefe, Grace	300.81
Orick, Warner Helen	2,374.29
Palange, Helen F.	2,993.67
Partridge, Edward	3,175.71
Pelletier, Roger	802.53
Pepin, Robert	1,356.42
Pepin, Robin L.	1,522.92
Pepper, David	478.41
Pepper, David	123.21
Pepper, David E.	389.61
Pepper, David E.	1,196.58
Pine View Homes (Raymond Leake)	648.67
Pray Edna Realty	794.76
Quinn, Michael S.	1,981.35
Rackleff, Loralie	853.81
Raynes, David L.	1,924.74
Riley, Juanita	809.19
Rubin, Kenneth E.	3,435.45
Sandgren, Carl	1,080.03
Sargent, Peter	415.14
Saucier, James	2,286.60
Sawyer, Carroll	42.18
Sawyer, Carroll	370.74
Sawyer, Carroll	893.55

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Name	Amount
Secretary of Housing	1,094.46
Seifert, Betty L.	456.21
Serio, Frank	2,308.80
Shirley & Lambert Associates	1,965.81
Shiverick, Dale	1,346.43
Skeel, Richard	2,262.18
Smith, Rene	238.65
Somes, Vicki	410.62
Sparks, William O.	2,218.89
Spaulding, Loyal	993.36
Spaulding, Loyal	1,135.96
Stevens, Betsy	600.04
Stevens, Ormand	639.36
Stevens, Ormand	16.65
Stilphen, Arthur	2,158.95
Stilphen, Arthur	285.27
Stuart, John	1,749.36
Stuart, John	1,961.37
Sturk, Suzette	3,811.74
Terhune, Susan	1,708.29
The Julia B. Ellis Trust	263.07
Theriault, Daniel	1,050.06
Thibodeau, Jeffrey	932.40
Todd, Keith E.	1,820.40
Tompkins, Doray D.	305.25
True, Kimberly	65.49
Tukey, Mary	362.97
Vieta, Sara J.	293.04
Vieta, Sara Jane	277.50
Wasserman, Robert	2,110.11
Wasserman, Robert	38.85
Webster, John G.	1,123.32
Webster, Jamison	135.42
Willey, Cecil	552.78
Wilson, Karen	593.53
Wilson, Robert W.	999.00
Wood, Harvey	1,558.44
Wright, Chester D.	512.82
Yankee Realty	215.34
Zozula, Robert B.	3,409.92
TOTAL	228,978.87

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Auditor's Report

*A complete copy of the
Auditor's Report
will be available
as a handout
at the Town meeting.*



How the Annual Property Tax Mil Rate is Calculated




Municipal Budget	
+ Education (MSAD #47)	
+ County	
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=	Total Expenditures
State Revenue Sharing	
+ Road Assistance	
+ All State/Federal Funding	
+ Vehicle & Boat Excise Tax	
+ License/Permit Fees	
+ Town Fees	
+ 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

2004 Property Tax Calculations

2004 Municipal Property Valuation	=	\$411,412,300
Total Revenues Required		
(School/Municipal/County)	=	\$5,549,841
Total Non-property Tax Revenues	=	\$1,089,509
\$ 5,549,841 – \$1,089,509	=	\$ 4,460,332 (Net Raised Through Taxation)
\$ 4,460,332 + \$ 106,344 (Overlay)	=	\$ 4,566,676 Commitment
\$ 4,566,676 ÷ \$ 411,412,300	=	.0111 Mil Rate




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

Where It Comes From



Property Tax		80.74%
Excise Tax		9.33%
State/Other Revenues		9.93%

Where It Went in 2004

Analysis of Total Budget by Percentage

County		7.40%
School		65.52%
Municipal		25.20%
Overlay		1.88%

Analysis of Municipal Budget by Percentage

General Gov't		20.35%
Public Safety		8.85%
Public Works		49.06%
Social Services		5.09%
Recreation		10.74%
Inter Gov't		1.44%
Debt Service		2.03%
Other		2.44%



Treasurer's Cash Report

Cash Balance, January 1, 2004 653,584.67

Receipts

Prior Years Property Taxes 151,706.01
Tax Liens 100,433.70
Accounts Receivable (Less o/s Bad Check-128.68) 117,154.05
State Licenses and Registrations 328,441.81
Prepaid Property Taxes 2005 477.21
2004 Property and Excise Taxes (9426.36/1084.16 Refunded) 4,929,862.94
Licenses, Penalties and Fees (238.28 Refunded) 68,438.94
State & Local Governments (A/R 1394.07) 274,066.13
Recycling and Waste (49.40 Refunded) 11,647.54
Unclassified (1247.13 Refunded) 61,653.14
Reserves & Trust Funds 62,834.87
Due to Other Funds 720.00
Due from Other Funds 71,121.83

Total Receipts 6,178,558.17

Total Available in 2004 6,832,142.84

Disbursements

State Licenses and Registrations 327,626.06
Net Payroll Deductions (11,067.18)
Accounts Payable - Expenses 6,385.52
Transfers - Due to Other Funds 3,220.00
Refunds 12,045.33
Recoverable Expenses 200,022.32
General Government 277,271.97
Public Safety 86,453.52
Public Works 423,954.19
Solid Waste 250,082.61
Social Services 74,442.08
Recreation 135,309.82
Special Assessment 4,124,222.31
Inter-Government 16,200.03
Debt Service 13,649.73
Unclassified 15,471.00
Trust Funds 65,723.08

Total Disbursements 6,021,012.39

Cash Balance, December 31, 2004 811,130.45



Treasurer's Budgetary Report

Expenditures

<i>Area of Expenditure</i>	<i>Appropriation</i>	<i>Designated from 2003</i>	<i>Actual 2004</i>	<i>Lapse</i>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Board of Selectpersons	7,405.00		6,902.02	502.98
Emergency Requirements	10,000.00		2,227.31	7,772.69
Administration	194,290.00		182,883.46	11,406.54
Town Manager	56,113.00		56,580.56	(467.56)
Assessing	15,600.00	3,527.00	17,206.26	1,920.74
Planning/Appeals Board	3,480.00	4,437.00	4,949.58	2,967.42
Growth Management	0.00	3,057.00	2.62	3,054.38
Hearings & Elections	3,175.00		3,044.67	130.33
General Government Totals	290,063.00	11,021.00	273,796.48	27,287.52
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Constable/Civil Emergency	3,139.00		523.11	2,615.89
Fire Department (AP1411.84)	52,614.00		51,903.67	710.33
Rescue Squad (AP-2266.93)	25,414.00		25,329.16	84.84
Code Enforcement	12,070.00		9,897.98	2,172.02
Street Lighting	8,000.00		7,485.19	514.81
To Fire Dept Capital Reserve	25,000.00		25,000.00	0.00
Enhanced 911	0.00		0.00	0.00
Public Safety Totals	126,237.00	0.00	120,139.11	6,097.89
PUBLIC WORKS				
Road, General Maintenance	85,099.00		78,858.24	6,240.76*
Road, Paving	110,000.00		92,559.03	17,440.97
Road, Plowing & Sanding	249,477.00		238,713.60	10,763.40
Landfill Closure	5,400.00		5,082.00	318.00
Facility Maintenance Support	10,466.00		8,674.21	1,791.79
Solid Waste Management	238,995.00	3,500.00	250,089.43	(7,594.43)
Public Works Totals	699,437.00	3,500.00	673,976.51	28,960.49
* Paid to the General Maintenance & Paving Capital Reserve				
SOCIAL SERVICES				
Health Officer	450.00		450.00	0.00
Town Historian	400.00		400.00	0.00
Animal Control	8,317.00		6,491.46	1,825.54
Memorial Day Ceremony	150.00		150.00	0.00
Donations	21,791.00		21,791.00	0.00
Cemeteries	35,945.00		35,712.88	232.12
General Assistance	5,500.00		7,603.54	(2,103.54)
Social Services Totals	72,553.00	0.00	72,598.88	(45.88)



<i>Area of Expenditure</i>	<i>Appropriation</i>	<i>Designated from 2003</i>	<i>Actual 2004</i>	<i>Lapse</i>
RECREATION				
Recreation Facilities	2,835.00		1,677.12	1,157.88*
Center for All Seasons	72,430.00		65,172.32	7,257.68*
Center Improvements (Article 53)	3,500.00		1,455.00	2,045.00
North Belgrade Community Center	2,883.00		2,202.39	680.61*
Library	27,960.00		26,282.45	1,677.55
Recreation Programs	43,521.00		37,939.62	5,581.38*
Recreation Totals	153,129.00	0.00	134,728.90	18,400.10
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS				
MSAD #47	3,705,782.53		3,705,782.26	0.27
Kennebec County	418,440.00		418,440.05	(0.05)
Overlay	106,344.00			106,344.00
Special Assessments Totals	4,230,566.53	0.00	4,124,222.31	106,344.22
INTER-GOVERNMENT				
Dams	10,000.00	19,397.00	5,650.03	23,746.97
Belgrade Lakes Alliance	10,550.00		10,550.00	0.00
Inter-government Totals	20,550.00	19,397.00	16,200.03	23,746.97
DEBT SERVICE				
TAN Interest	29,000.00		13,649.73	15,350.27
Debt Service Totals	29,000.00		13,649.73	15,350.27
UNCLASSIFIED				
Workers & Unemployment				
Compensation	15,500.00		15,471.00	29.00
Unclassified Totals	15,500.00		15,471.00	29.00
TRUST FUNDS				
DC Stevens Enrichment Fund	18,325.00		13,304.79	5,020.21
DC Stevens Scholarship Trust	50.00		50.00	0.00
Scholarship/Town Portion	450.00		450.00	0.00
R.A. Guptill Historical Trust	325.00		325.00	0.00
Trust Fund Totals	19,150.00		14,129.79	5,020.21
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,656,185.53	33,918.00	5,458,912.74	231,190.79**
Total Paid To Reserves*	20,918.29			
Total Carry Forwards	60,614.00			
Total To Surplus	149,658.50			
Total Lapse**	231,190.79			



Revenues

<i>Area of Revenue</i>	<i>Appropriation</i>	<i>Designated from 2003</i>	<i>Actual 2004</i>	<i>Lapse</i>
PROPERTY & EXCISE TAX REVENUE				
2004 Real & Personal Tax	4,520,912.34		4,248,393.46	(272,518.88)*
Homestead Act	45,764.19		45,764.19	0.00*
Supplemental (A/R-15,573.89)	0.00		44,251.54	44,251.54
Abatements	0.00		(6,110.53)	(6,110.53)
Vehicle Excise	511,000.00		596,871.48	85,871.48
Boat Excise Tax	17,000.00		17,866.20	866.20
Property & Excise Tax Totals	5,094,676.53		4,947,036.34	(147,640.19)
LICENSES, PENALTIES & FEES				
Interest on Taxes	16,000.00		17,690.70	1,690.70
Town Fee/Vital Statistics	17,000.00		20,140.00	3,140.00
Licenses & Permit Fees	5,000.00		7,430.00	2,430.00
Town Ordinances	0.00		430.00	430.00
Cable Franchise Fees	0.00		22,295.45	22,295.45
Licenses Penalties And Fees Totals	38,000.00		67,986.15	29,986.15
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENTS				
Municipal Revenue Sharing	175,000.00		200,915.71	25,915.71**
Local Road Assistance	49,500.00		50,378.00	878.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	9,300.00		13,251.00	3,951.00
General Assistance Reimbursement	2,750.00		3,801.77	1,051.77
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	1,400.00		1,532.00	132.00
State Grants/Other Funds	1,000.00		1,181.72	181.72
Town of Rome	2,700.00		2,700.00	0.00
Town of Oakland	1,700.00		1,700.00	0.00
State & Local Totals	243,350.00		275,460.20	32,110.20
RECYCLING & WASTE				
Waste Disposal Fees	0.00		2,456.15	2,456.15
Recycled Waste Sales	3,000.00		9,141.99	6,141.99
Recycling & Waste Totals	3,000.00		11,598.14	8,598.14
UNCLASSIFIED				
Recreational Program Fees	28,000.00		36,616.05	8,616.05
Library Fees	0.00		490.00	490.00
Animal Control	0.00		2,211.00	2,211.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00		4,371.31	4,371.31
Investment Income	0.00		16,717.65	16,717.65
Unclassified Totals	28,000.00		60,406.01	32,406.01



<i>Area of Revenue</i>	<i>Appropriation</i>	<i>Designated from 2003</i>	<i>Actual 2004</i>	<i>Lapse</i>
RESERVES & TRUST FUNDS				
R.A. Guptill Historical Trust	325.00		325.00	0.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	26,959.00		26,784.66	(174.34)
D.C. Stevens Scholarship	50.00		50.00	0.00
D.C. Stevens Enrichment	18,325.00		13,304.79	(5,020.21)
Recreation Capital Reserve	3,500.00		1,455.00	(2,045.00)
Reserve & Trust Fund Totals	49,159.00		41,919.45	(7,239.55)
GENERAL FUND				
Undesignated	200,000.00		200,000.00	0.00
General Fund Totals	200,000.00		200,000.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES	5,656,185.53	0.00	5,604,406.29	(51,779.24)
Total Lapse	(51,779.24)			
Add: Accounts Receivable				
(*2004 Property Tax)	272,518.88			
Less: Designated Revenues				
(**Municipal Revenue Sharing)	(25,915.71)			
Total To Surplus	194,823.93			

Reserves and Trust Funds

COMMUNITY CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	39,736.13
Add: Interest to 12/31/04	858.72
Balance 12/31/04	40,594.85

MUNICIPAL PROPERTY REVALUATION RESERVE

Balance 1/1	87,736.34
Add: Interest Earned	1,118.89
Less: Due to General Fund	(87,695.00)
Balance 12/31/04	1,160.23

FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	58,259.51
Add: Interest Earned	1,199.66
Appropriation (March 20, 2004)	25,000.00
Total Deposits	26,199.66
Less: Due to General Fund (New Chassis)	(15,846.64)
Due to General Fund (10% Grant Match)	(6,966.00)
Total Withdrawals	(22,812.64)
Balance 12/31/04	61,646.53

RESCUE CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	21,456.77
Add: Interest Earned	465.13
Appropriation (March 20, 2004)	5,000.00
Total Deposits	5,465.13
Balance 12/31/04	26,921.90

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD MAINTENANCE AND PAVING RESERVE

Balance 1/1	48,631.82
Add: Interest Earned	1,050.06
2004 Unexpended to Reserve	6,240.76
Total Deposits	7,290.82
Balance 12/31/04	55,922.64

SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	32,206.95
Add: Interest Earned	696.85
Balance 12/31/04	32,903.80

SOLID WASTE CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	7,255.49
Add: Interest Earned	152.74
Balance 12/31/04	7,408.23

RECREATION CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	19,926.46
Add: Interest Earned	419.47
2004 Unexpended to Reserve	14,677.55
Total Deposits	15,097.02
Less: Due To General Fund	(1,455.00)
Balance 12/31/04	33,568.48

LIBRARY CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	482.12
Add: Interest Earned	12.43
Balance 12/31/04	494.55

CEMETERY WATER SYSTEM CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	1,805.77
Add: Interest Earned	41.03
Less: Paid to General Fund	(1,843.20)
Paid to Cemetery Perp Care Trust Earnings	(3.60)
Total Withdrawals	(1,846.80)
Balance 12/31/04	0.00

ALICE MARY CRAM TRUST FUND

Balance 1/1	4,129.39
Add: Interest Earned	18.18
Balance 12/31/04	4,147.57

GUY A. YEATON CEMETERY TRUST FUND

Balance 1/1 (Principal 1,000.00/ Interest 1,934.22)	2,934.22
Add: Interest Earned	65.43
Balance 12/31/04	2,999.65

LACROIX CEMETERY TRUST FUND

Balance 1/1 (Principal 10,000/Interest 629.77)	10,629.77
Add: Interest Earned	178.78
Balance 12/31/04	10,808.55

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST PRINCIPAL

Balance 1/1	96,100.00
Add: Perpetual Care Payments	700.00
Interest Earned	2,070.56
Total Deposits	2,770.56
Less: Transfer to Interest Account	(2,070.56)
Transfer to Portfolio	(96,800.00)
Total Deposits	(98,870.56)
Balance 12/31/04	0.00

CEMETERY PORTFOLIO

Balance 1/1	278,930.67
Add: Realized Gains	1,108.32
Interest/Dividends	7,701.08
Transfer Cem Perp Care Trust Prin	96,800.00
Total Deposits	105,609.40
Less: Agent Fees	(870.29)
Transferred to CD	(7,701.08)
Transfer to Cemetery Perp Care Trust Earnings	(96,800.00)
Total Withdrawn	(105,371.37)
Balance 12/31/04	279,168.70

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST EARNINGS

Balance 1/1	77,874.43
Add: Interest Earned	1,732.27
Int from Trust Prin & Water Reserve	2,074.16
Interest from Portfolio	7,701.08
Transfer Earnings from Portfolio	96,800.00
Total Deposits	108,307.51
Less: Due to General Fund (Article 35)	(26,784.66)
Balance 12/31/04	159,397.28

ROBERT A. GUPTILL HISTORICAL TRUST

Balance 1/1	13,504.00
Add: Interest Earned	284.30
Less: 2003 Contribution	(325.00)
Balance 12/31/04	13,463.30

D.C. STEVENS SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

Balance 1/1	2,037.24
Add: Interest Earned	46.13
Less: 2002 Scholarship	(50.00)
Balance 12/31/04	2,033.37

D.C. STEVENS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Balance 1/1	34,933.39
Add: Interest Earned	755.43
Interest From Portfolio 2004	10,171.17
Total Deposits	10,926.60
Less: Expended Due to General Fund	(13,304.79)
Balance 12/31/04	32,555.20

D.C. STEVENS PORTFOLIO

Balance 1/1	393,069.93
Add: Realized Gains	11,160.21
Interest/Dividends	12,349.37
Total Deposits	23,509.58
Less: Agent Fees	(2,759.14)
Transfer to CD 2004	(10,171.17)
Total Deductions	(12,930.31)
Balance 12/31/04	403,649.20



Proposed Municipal Budget for 2005

NOTES:

1) Fiscal Year = Calendar Year

2) Amounts for County & School are projections only

Expenditures

<i>Area of Expenditure</i>	<i>2005 (P)</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2002</i>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Board of Selectpersons	14,905.00	17,405.00	17,405.00	17,405.00
Administration	189,353.00	194,290.00	182,569.00	172,662.00
Town Manager	52,678.00	56,113.00	54,662.00	52,768.00
Assessing/Review	20,200.00	15,600.00	23,600.00	22,900.00
Planning Board/Board of Appeals	3,182.00	3,480.00	3,265.00	5,803.00
Growth Management	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hearings & Elections	3,050.00	3,175.00	2,834.00	3,334.00
General Government Totals	283,368.00	290,063.00	284,335.00	274,872.00
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Constable/Civil Emergency	1,570.00	3,139.00	3,139.00	2,140.00
Fire Department	50,209.00	52,614.00	59,909.00	62,351.00
Fire Dept. Capital Reserve	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Rescue Squad	19,488.00	20,414.00	20,564.00	20,415.00
Rescue Capital Reserve	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Code Enforcement	12,070.00	12,070.00	9,226.00	9,618.00
Street Lighting	8,400.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,090.00
Enhanced 911		0.00	0.00	0.00
Public Safety Totals	121,737.00	126,237.00	130,838.00	132,614.00
PUBLIC WORKS				
Roads, General Maintenance	89,230.00	85,099.00	85,093.00	85,100.00
West Rd Reclaim 2.6 mi '05//				
Dunn Rd Project '02	39,200.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00
Roadway Hazardous Trees	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Roads, Paving	142,960.00	110,000.00	110,000.00	90,000.00
Widen Dunn Rd. '05//West Rd/				
Dunn Rd Project '02	24,000.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00
Roads, Plowing & Sanding	283,325.00	249,477.00	252,742.00	243,628.00
Solid Waste Management*				
(4 Articles 03)	249,899.00	238,995.00	271,118.00	232,453.00
Landfill Closure	6,400.00	5,400.00	4,800.00	4,800.00
Facilities Maintenance Support	10,556.00	10,466.00	10,466.00	11,648.00
Public Works Totals	845,570.00	699,437.00	734,219.00	709,629.00

* Includes Recycling



<i>Area of Expenditure</i>	<i>2005 (P)</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2002</i>
SOCIAL SERVICES				
Health Officer	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00
Town Historian	300.00	400.00	300.00	300.00
Animal Control	6,181.00	8,317.00	8,367.00	6,120.00
General Assistance	6,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	6,700.00
Memorial Day	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Donations	25,977.00	21,791.00	22,491.00	18,920.00
Cemeteries (2 Articles-2003)	40,112.00	35,945.00	33,456.00	23,336.00
Cemeteries (Equip Upgrade & Maint/ 8 Articles '05)	36,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00
Social Services Totals	115,670.00	72,553.00	90,714.00	55,976.00
RECREATION				
Recreation Facilities	4,755.00	2,835.00	3,145.00	3,075.00
The Center for All Seasons (Generator-\$15,000-2002)	73,928.00	72,430.00	70,623.00	83,724.00
CFAS-Capital Maintenance Project	0.00	3,500.00	0.00	0.00
North Belgrade Community Center	3,033.00	2,883.00	2,883.00	3,095.00
Library	27,900.00	27,960.00	19,952.00	15,154.00
Recreation Programs	39,243.00	43,521.00	42,525.00	42,264.00
Recreation Totals	148,859.00	153,129.00	139,128.00	147,312.00
INTER-GOVERNMENT				
Belgrade Lakes Conservation (2 Articles-'03/'04/'05)	9,250.00	10,550.00	10,550.00	6,250.00
Dams	10,000.00	10,000.00	15,000.00	12,000.00
KVCOG	0.00	0.00	5,694.00	5,374.00
Inter-Government Totals	19,250.00	20,550.00	31,244.00	23,624.00
DEBT SERVICE				
Tax Anticipation Note (Interest)	29,000.00	29,000.00	35,000.00	38,500.00
Debt Service Totals	29,000.00	29,000.00	35,000.00	38,500.00
UNCLASSIFIED				
Workers Compensation	12,890.00	12,000.00	7,500.00	6,600.00
Unemployment Compensation	2,110.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,400.00
Unclassified Totals	15,000.00	15,500.00	11,000.00	10,000.00



<i>Area of Expenditure</i>	<i>2005 (P)</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2002</i>
TRUST FUNDS				
D.C. Stevens Enrichment	18,000.00	18,325.00	25,325.00	26,875.00
D.C. Stevens Scholarship (2 Articles)	500.00	500.00	520.00	535.00
R.A. Guptill	295.00	325.00	365.00	665.00
Trust Funds Totals	18,795.00	19,150.00	26,210.00	28,075.00
Total Municipal Requirements	1,597,249.00	1,425,619.00	1,482,688.00	1,420,602.00
COUNTY & SCHOOL DISTRICT				
Kennebec County	456,384.00	418,440.00	342,922.00	299,262.00
SAD #47*	4,024,721.00	3,705,782.00	3,420,980.00	3,182,872.00
County & School Totals	4,481,105.00	4,124,222.00	3,763,902.00	3,482,134.00
GRAND TOTALS	6,078,354.00	5,549,841.00	5,246,590.00	4,902,736.00
*Projected				

Revenues

<i>Area of Revenue</i>	<i>2005 (P)</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2002</i>
TAXES, LICENSES & PERMITS				
Vehicle Excise Taxes	545,000.00	511,000.00	445,000.00	445,000.00
Boat Excise Taxes	17,000.00	17,000.00	16,000.00	15,500.00
Town Fees/Vital Statistics	17,500.00	17,000.00	16,000.00	14,500.00
Licenses and Permit Fees	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Interest and Cost Fees	16,000.00	16,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Total Taxes, Licenses & Permits	600,500.00	566,000.00	496,000.00	494,000.00
STATE FUNDS				
Municipal Revenue Sharing	185,000.00	175,000.00	173,500.00	191,000.00
Local Road Assistance	49,500.00	49,500.00	49,500.00	49,500.00
Tree Growth Reimbursements	12,000.00	9,300.00	9,000.00	11,000.00
General Assistance Reimbursement	3,250.00	2,750.00	2,750.00	3,350.00
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	1,400.00	1,400.00	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	252,150.00	238,950.00	237,450.00	257,550.00



<i>Area of Revenue</i>	<i>2005 (P)</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2002</i>
OTHER				
Recreational Program Fees	50,000.00	28,000.00	27,500.00	27,500.00
Recycled Waste Sales	3,250.00	3,000.00	3,500.00	5,500.00
Total Other	53,250.00	31,000.00	31,000.00	33,000.00
RESERVES AND TRUST FUNDS				
R.A. Guptill Historical Trust	295.00	325.00	365.00	665.00
Roads Maintenance & Paving	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00
Solid Waste Capital Reserve	0.00	0.00	12,500.00	0.00
Recreation Capital Reserve	0.00	3,500.00	0.00	15,000.00
D.C. Stevens Scholarship	55.00	50.00	70.00	85.00
D.C. Stevens Enrichment	18,000.00	18,325.00	25,325.00	26,875.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care (2 Article-2003)	30,084.00	26,959.00	45,092.00	17,500.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Add'l Maint (8 Articles '05)	39,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Reserves and Trust Funds	87,934.00	49,159.00	83,352.00	80,125.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL				
Town of Rome	2,700.00	2,700.00	4,050.00	3,240.00
Town of Oakland	1,700.00	1,700.00	2,550.00	2,040.00
Total Intergovernmental	4,400.00	4,400.00	6,600.00	5,280.00
FUND BALANCES				
Undesignated	250,000.00	200,000.00	180,000.00	200,000.00
Total Fund Balances	250,000.00	200,000.00	180,000.00	200,000.00
Total Non-Property Tax Revenues	1,248,234.00	1,089,509.00	1,034,402.00	1,069,955.00
Net Property Tax Requirement*	4,830,120.00	4,460,332.00	4,212,188.00	3,832,781.00
TOTAL REVENUES	6,078,354.00	5,549,841.00	5,246,590.00	4,902,736.00
*Projected				



Town of Belgrade 2005 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 18th, 2005 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 2 to 16. 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 19th, 2005, at 1:00 P.M., to act on Article 17 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):
one Selectperson-three year term
one School Board Member-three year term
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 raise and appropriate the sum of \$113,171 to support the Recreation Budget.
Center for all Seasons \$ 73,928
Recreational Programs \$ 39,243

Selectpersons Recommend: 3 For/ 1 Against/ 1 Absent

Budget Committee Recommend: 3 For/ 2 Against/ 1 Absent

ARTICLE 4) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,900 to support the Library budget.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 1 Against

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

ARTICLE 5) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to support The Mid Maine Unit of the American Red Cross.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent

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

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- ARTICLE 6) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to support the Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group's Information Center.
Select persons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent
Budget Committee Recommends: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 2 Absent
- ARTICLE 7) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to support the Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group's July 4th celebration.
Select persons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent
Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 8) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 to support the Belgrade Regional Health Center.
Select persons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent
Budget Committee Recommends: 3 For/ 1 Against/ 1 Absent/ 1 Abstain
- ARTICLE 9) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,600 to support the Children's Center.
Select persons Recommend: 2 For/ 2 Against/ 1 Absent
Budget Committee Recommends: 1 For/ 4 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 10) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,739.55 to support the Crisis & Counseling Centers, Inc.
Select persons Recommend: 1 For/ 3 Against/ 1 Absent
Budget Committee Recommends: 3 For/ 2 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 11) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,060 to support the Family Violence Project.
Select persons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent
Budget Committee Recommends: 3 For/ 2 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 12) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,585.90 to support the Kennebec Valley Mental Health Center.
Select persons Recommend: 2 For/ 2 Against/ 1 Absent
Budget Committee Recommends: 1 For/ 4 Against/ 1 Absent

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- ARTICLE 13) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$450 to support the KVCAP-Child & Family Services.
Selectpersons Recommend: 1 For/ 3 Against/ 1 Absent
Budget Committee Recommends: 2 For/ 3 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 14) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to support the KVCAP-Transportation Services.
Selectpersons Recommend: 0 For/ 4 Against/ 1 Absent
Budget Committee Recommends: 0 For/ 5 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 15) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support Rape Crisis Assistance and Prevention.
Selectpersons Recommend: 1 For/ 3 Against/ 1 Absent
Budget Committee Recommends: 0 For/ 5 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 16) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,041.20 to support Senior Spectrum.
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent
Budget Committee Recommends: 3 For/ 2 Against/ 1 Absent

General Government

- ARTICLE 17) 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 2005 between January 1, 2006 and the date of the regular 2006 Town Meeting.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
- ARTICLE 18) 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 19) 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 20) To see if the Town will accept the overdrafts and balances that have lapsed to the Undesignated Fund with overall impact of a plus \$344,482.43 with \$ 250,000.00 of this amount to be dedicated to reducing 2005 property taxes.

Selectpersons Recommend: 3 For/ 0 Against/ 2 Absent

Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against

ARTICLE 21) To see if the Town will authorize the following accounts be carried forward to the current year:

Admin	\$ 1,500
Planning/Appeals	1,315
Growth Management	3,050
Solid Waste (Ash Pile)	3,500
Roads Paving	17,440
Roads-Plowing & Sanding	9,563
Library	500
Dams	23,746
Total Carry Forward	\$ 60,614

Selectpersons Recommend: 3 For/ 0 Against/ 2 Absent

Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against

ARTICLE 22) To see if the Town will appropriate revenues from the following sources in 2005 to reduce the 2005 Property Tax Commitment:

Vehicle Excise Tax	\$ 545,000
License/Permit Fees	\$ 5,000
Town Fees	\$ 17,500
Boat Excise	\$ 17,000
Recycling Revenues	\$ 3,250
Interest & Cost Fees	\$ 16,000
Recreation Revenues	\$ 50,000
Total	\$ 653,750

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent

Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against

ARTICLE 23) To see if the Town will set Wednesday October 12, 2005 as the date that the 2005 property taxes are due, and charge interest at the rate of 07.75 % per annum on taxes paid after October 12, 2005, with interest to continue until the tax and tax lien are paid in full.

Selectpersons Recommend: 3 For/ 0 Against/ 2 Absent



(ARTICLE 24) To see if the Town will set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on taxes paid and later abated at 03.75 % per annum from the date of the tax payment to the date the abated amount is refunded to the taxpayer.

Selectpersons Recommend: 3 For/ 0 Against/ 2 Absent

ARTICLE 25) 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 26) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 for the Board of Selectpersons to utilize as necessary to cope with emergency or unanticipated municipal expenses which require immediate attention.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 1 Against

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

ARTICLE 27) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$268,463 to support the costs associated with municipal operations and administrative activities. Itemized requirements are as follows:

AREA OF EXPENSE	AMOUNT
Administration	\$ 189,353
(Town Office Operations & Maintenance- General Admin Operating Expenses- Admin Wages & Benefits)	
Town Manager (Salary \$39,900)	\$ 52,678
Assessing/Review	\$ 20,200
Planning Board/Appeals	\$ 3,182
Hearings/Elections	\$ 3,050
Total	\$ 268,463

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent

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

ARTICLE 28) To see if the Town will vote to use the sum of \$6,000 from the Community Capital Reserve Account for computer upgrades including a server with 2 hard drives for secure data retention.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

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

ARTICLE 29) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,750 to support the cost of salaries to 03-31-05 plus heat, lights and upkeep of recreational facilities for all of 2005. (Article 29 is required if Article 3 is defeated.)

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent

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

ARTICLE 30) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,950 to support the cost of salaries to 03-31-05 For the library, plus any maintenance required for the whole of 2005. (Article 30 is required if Article 4 is defeated.)

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent

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

ARTICLE 31) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,650 to support the maintenance costs for the Center for all Seasons. (Article 31 is required if Article 3 is defeated and Article 4 passes.)

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 adopt a revised building permit and land use fee schedule as recommended by the Belgrade Board of Selectpersons.

Selectpersons Recommend: 3 For/ 0 Against/ 2 Absent

ARTICLE 33) To see if the Town will vote to accept a donation of a dock from the Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group and the Belgrade Lakes Association and to allow these groups either independently or cooperatively to use a certain parcel owned by the Town of Belgrade, specifically Map 26 Lot 15, for the purpose of having the donated dock safely installed, operated and maintained on an annual basis by the above named groups, in whole or in part, and to make this dock available for public use, as incorporated in a memorandum of understanding between the above named parties and the Town of Belgrade.

Explanation: The Town of Belgrade will not incur any additional financial cost or responsibility for the installation, operation and the maintenance of the proposed dock. Should any provision of this article be made invalid due to non-performance by the above named groups, the Board of Select Persons will reserve the authority to remove and dispose of the dock.

Selectpersons Recommend: 3 For/ 0 Against/ 2 Absent



Public Safety

- ARTICLE 34) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$570 to support constable and civil emergency requirements.
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent
Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 35) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to contract with Law Enforcement for coverage at critical locations and times.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Abstain
- ARTICLE 36) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,209 for Fire Department operations and maintenance of equipment.
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent
Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 37) 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: 6 For/ 0 Against
- ARTICLE 38) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,488 to support general operating costs and equipment acquisition for the Belgrade Rescue Squad.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against
- ARTICLE 39) 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: 6 For/ 0 Against
- ARTICLE 40) 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: 6 For/ 0 Against
- ARTICLE 41) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,400 for the operation of municipal street lights.
Selectpersons Recommend: 2 For/ 2 Against/ 1 Absent
Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent

Public Works

- ARTICLE 42) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$89,230 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

- ARTICLE 43) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$137,960 for resurfacing the following Town Road, and \$5,000 for shoulder upgrade of the same for a total sum of \$142,960, and to 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: (Total required \$160,400 with a carry forward of \$17,440 from 2004 paving budget)

Roads to be paved: West Rd. 2.60 miles

Selectpersons Recommend: 3 For/ 0 Against/ 2 Absent

Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against

- ARTICLE 44) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,200 to reclaim approximately 2.60 miles of the West Rd. from the Castle Island Rd. toward the Dunn Rd.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

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

- ARTICLE 45) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,000 to widen the shoulders of the Dunn Rd. — right side only — from the Transfer Station going south toward Sandy Cove Rd. (+/-)

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

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

- ARTICLE 46) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$283,325 for the purpose of plowing, sanding and salting Town and State-Aid roads in 2005.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent

Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against

- ARTICLE 47) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$249,899 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



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- ARTICLE 48) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$10,556 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 Absent
Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 49) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$6,400 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 50) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$450 as compensation for the Health Officer.
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent
Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 51) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$300 as compensation to the Town Historian.
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent
Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 52) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$6,181 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 53) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500 to administer the General Assistance Program.
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent
Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 54) 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 55) To see if the Town will authorize an increase in the cost of perpetual care on a single size lot from \$50 to \$100. (This increase will help defray the rising costs of lot maintenance; including fuel, equipment and labor.)
Selectpersons Recommend: 3 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent/ 1 Abstain
Budget Committee Recommends: 4 For/ 1 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 56) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$2,500 and appropriate \$7,500 from the Perpetual Care Trust Interest for a total of \$10,000, to support the preparation and lay-out of the new cemetery addition at the Pine Grove Cemetery.
Selectpersons Recommend: 0 For/ 4 Against/ 1 Absent
Budget Committee Recommends: 0 For/ 5 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 57) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,000 and appropriate \$3,000 from the Perpetual Care Trust Interest for a total of \$4,000 to run water lines and clear cut all brush and debris at the new addition.
Selectpersons Recommend: 0 For/ 4 Against/ 1 Absent
Budget Committee Recommends: 0 For/ 5 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 58) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$750 and appropriate \$2,250 from the Perpetual Care Trust Interest for a total of \$3,000, for the general repair of the roads, fences and gates of the Pine Grove, Woodside, Quaker and Ellis Pond cemeteries.
Selectpersons Recommend: 2 For/ 2 Against/ 1 Absent
Budget Committee Recommends: 3 For/ 2 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 59) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$250 and appropriate \$750 from the Perpetual Care Trust Interest for a total of \$1,000, to complete repairs on the roof and porch at the Old Town House currently being used as an office and storage facility for the cemeteries.
Selectpersons Recommend: 3 For/ 1 Against/ 1 Absent
Budget Committee Recommends: 4 For/ 1 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 60) To see if the Town will authorize the use of \$20,000 from the Perpetual Care Trust Earnings to repair broken headstones and fallen monuments on perpetual care lots.
Selectpersons Recommend: 3 For/ 0 Against/ 2 Absent
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against
- ARTICLE 61) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$2,000 to repair headstones and monuments of veterans that are not cared for under perpetual care.
Selectpersons Recommend: 3 For/ 0 Against/ 2 Absent
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against



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- ARTICLE 62) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,750 and appropriate \$5,250 from the Perpetual Care Trust Interest for a total of \$7,000, to purchase mowing and pruning equipment.
Selectpersons Recommend: 2 For/ 2 Against/ 1 Absent
Budget Committee Recommends: 2 For/ 3 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 63) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$250 and appropriate \$750 from the Perpetual Care Trust Interest for a total of \$1,000, to purchase a computer and storage cabinets. (This equipment will be kept at the Town Office)
Selectpersons Recommend: 0 For/ 4 Against/ 1 Absent
Budget Committee Recommends: 0 For/ 5 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 64) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,028 for the Town's portion of maintenance for Belgrade's Cemeteries, and appropriate \$30,084 from interest generated by Perpetual Care Trust Funds for the balance of the total requirement of \$40,112.
Selectpersons Recommend: 3 For/ 1 Against/ 1 Absent
Budget Committee Recommends: 4 For/ 1 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 65) 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

Recreation

- ARTICLE 66) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,755 for Recreation Facility operations (includes Long Pond Beach, Hayden Park, Peninsula Park and Ball Fields).
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against
- ARTICLE 67) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,033 to provide for the operation and upkeep of the North Belgrade Community Center.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against

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- ARTICLE 68) To see if the Town will agree to place all unspent Recreational funds into the Recreation Capital Reserve Account.
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 1 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against
- ARTICLE 69) To see if the Town will authorize the Selectpersons to expend a sum, not to exceed \$4,000 from the Recreation Capital Reserve Account to complete capital building maintenance projects at the Belgrade Community Center, North Belgrade Community Center and Peninsula Park.
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 1 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against
- ARTICLE 70) To see if the Town will allocate the State Snowmobile Registration reimbursements for use in maintaining the Town's Snowmobile Trails.
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against

Inter-Government

- ARTICLE 71) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$5,600 as Belgrade's share of 2005 operating/maintenance costs of the region's three dams - Belgrade Lakes, Wings Mills, and Salmon Lake. Total projected cost in 2005 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 72) 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: 3 For/ 1 Against/ 1 Absent
Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 73) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 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: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent

Debt Service

ARTICLE 74) 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 2005.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent

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

Unclassified

ARTICLE 75) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$15,000.00 to pay Workers and Unemployment Compensation premiums for all municipal employees.

Selectpersons Recommend: 3 For/ 0 Against/ 2 Absent

Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against

Trust Activities

ARTICLE 76) To see if the Town will authorize the use of \$18,000.00 from the accumulated interest in the Don C. Stevens Fund for the benefit of students who attend Belgrade Central School during 2005.

Selectpersons Recommend: 3 For/ 0 Against/ 2 Absent

ARTICLE 77) To see if the Town will designate the accumulated interest (estimate-\$55) of the Don C. Stevens Scholarship Fund as of May 31, 2005, as an award to the highest ranking Belgrade student of Messalonskee High School Class of 2005.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent

ARTICLE 78) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate an amount up to \$445 to supplement the Don C. Stevens Scholarship to equal \$500.

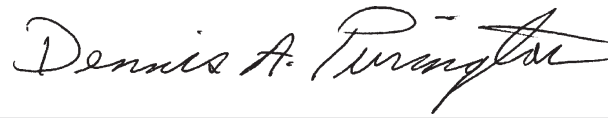
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent

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

ARTICLE 79) To see if the Town will release \$295 in 2004 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

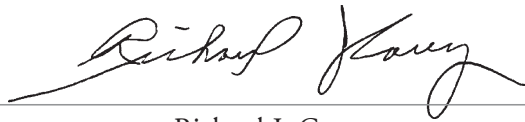
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A true copy Attest:



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 9th day of March, 2005.

Jeremy Damren, Constable

The “B” Attitudes

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Be understanding to your enemies.

Be loyal to your friends.

Be strong enough to face the world each day.

Be weak enough to know you cannot do everything alone.

Be generous to those who need your help.

Be frugal with what you need yourself.

Be wise enough to know that you do not know everything.

Be foolish enough to believe in miracles.

Be willing to share your joys.

Be willing to share the sorrows of others.

Be a leader when you see a path others have missed.

Be a follower when you are shrouded by the mists of uncertainty.

Be first to congratulate an opponent who succeeds.

Be last to criticize a colleague who fails.

Be sure where your next step will fall, so that you will not tumble.

Be sure of your final destination, in case you are going the wrong way.

Be loving to those who love you.

Be loving to those who do not love you; they may change.

Above all, be yourself.

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