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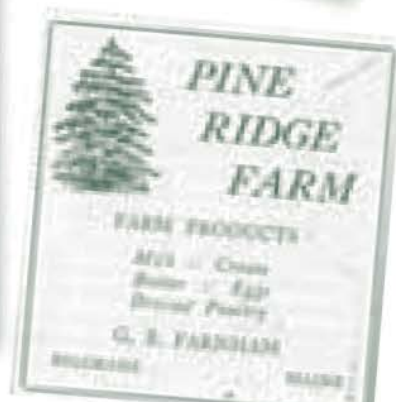
**Town of Belgrade**

Belgrade, Maine 04915 Phone 31-14

One mile from Belgrade, Maine Route No. 11

2005 Annual Report

## *Remembering Frank Farnham*



*Frank Farnham photos and clippings courtesy of family members • Town staff photos courtesy of William Pulsifer*

# Town of Belgrade



2005  
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,  
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From the French  
BEL  
fair, fine, beautiful  
and  
GRADE  
step in preferment.

*For The Year 2005*



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# Dedicated in Memory of Frank Farnham

Frank Farnham was born in Belgrade in 1917, in a farmhouse that had been in the family for 70 years, and was delivered by Dr. L.E. Reynolds who lived and had his practice in Belgrade Depot. The house he was born in was one of the few in Belgrade with running water in the home, water collected in underground cisterns from roof gutters on their two barns, and gravity fed to the house through underground pipes.

Frank must have liked Belgrade, for with the exception of a tour of duty in the Army in World War II, I don't believe he spent more than two months out of town in his eighty-eight plus years. He had two great loves in life, writing and growing things. He was able to do both from his home in Belgrade.

He had success with both of his loves at an early age. When he was five, an exhibition of his vegetables won a blue ribbon at the Readfield fair. At the age of ten, he won a ten dollar gold piece for an article he had submitted to the magazine "The Youth's Companion".

By the time he graduated from Belgrade High School at the age of sixteen, the focus on sales was switching from meat and dairy products to vegetables. Frank stayed out of school for three years to earn money for college. Income earned running the farm, combined with money his sister Lydia earned working every available minute, allowed both to attend Colby College. They each graduated cum laude, and as members of Phi Beta Kappa, in 1940.

After college, it was off to the Army. Frank was stationed in Stockton Springs, California, where he became editor of the base newspaper. He also wrote three radio series as well as writing and/or directing some War Bond Drive stage shows. It was in Stockton Springs that he met and fell in love with Claudia Howard. They were married in 1944, and moved back to Belgrade following the war.

The plan was to be a farmer in the summer, and a writer in the winter. Frank followed that plan for many years with moderate success. On the farm side, he borrowed money each spring to buy seeds and fertilizer, and would then worry his way through the season until he had paid back the loan and hopefully made enough to get to next spring – only to have the cycle repeat itself year after year. On the writing end,

he wrote numerous short stories, and a couple of novels, with not much to show for it but a bunch of rejection slips.

It was, however, one of these unsold manuscripts that ended up saving the lives of his entire family, thereby becoming his favorite story. At 2:00 a.m. on a cold blustery January night, he was still up working on his manuscript when he heard a crackling sound coming from the hall closet. He discovered the closet completely engulfed in

flames, and was barely able to get his wife and three children out of the house with only their nightclothes. Had he been sleeping at that time, there is not much doubt that all would have perished.

If writing saved his life, then farming saved the quality of his life. When he was in his twenties, he was stricken with a degenerative form of arthritis that doctors said there was no cure for, and he was told that he would probably be confined to a wheelchair for life by the time he was thirty-five. He refused to give in to the disease, and worked in the gardens through the pain. Eventually, the arthritis seemed to go into remission, and he was able to live a fairly normal life. The primary lasting effect of this early disease was that each year his body would lean a little more forward, and a little more to his left, than the prior year. If not for the strenuous work of farming, Frank would most likely have fulfilled his doctor's predictions.

In the late fifties, Frank began to experience some success with his writing. He sold short stories to McCall's Magazine, Ladies Home Journal, and one to The Saturday Evening Post. He also sold a



*Frank Farnham*  
**1917-2005**



number of stories to foreign publications. The money wasn't all that much, but it felt great to have his talent recognized.

The fifties and early sixties also saw his farm grow. Each year sales expanded, and with it the number of acres planted. At his peak in the sixties, he was cultivating around forty acres, producing 7000 pecks of peas, over 100,000 cucumbers, and close to 10,000 dozen corn per year. More produce meant more pickers, and if Frank Farnham left a legacy to the town, it was his employees.



He would employ ten to twelve workers in the good years, mostly high school kids, and an occasional college student home for the summer. The work was sometimes hard, sometimes not, but it was honest work, and generally paid by the pound. The harder you worked, the more you got paid. It was a great opportunity for kids to earn enough money for school clothes, and to have enough left over to maybe afford their first car. People who worked for Frank learned the value of a dollar, and came to understand the satisfaction of a job well done. Those who worked on the stand learned to add long columns of numbers in their heads, a skill I'll bet many still cherish.

Farnham's Market "Alumni" have gone on to every walk of life: teachers, school superintendent, mechanics, engineers, truck drivers, lab technicians, state troopers, reporters, business owners, telephone repairmen, nurses, salesmen, and many others. They went on to become solid citizens, and have helped form the backbone of many area communities.

While raising his family, Frank didn't forget the community he loved. He was a member of the Maine Vegetable Growers Association, and a member and past president of the Belgrade Alumni Association. In the early 60's, instead of writing short stories in the wintertime, he turned his attention to raising money for the newly formed Belgrade School Improvement Association, whose primary objective was to raise enough money to outfit our new gymnasium. We had the building, but it needed a stage, bleachers, backboards, and a kitchen. He wrote and directed two minstrel shows and a play over the next three winters. They were a big hit, and played to packed houses in Belgrade, Oakland, Readfield and South China.

The following year, he ran for the office of town selectman, and served on the board for five years. During those years, he did the bulk of the writing of the town reports in his winter months, and by now had pretty much given up on finding time to write stories. When he left the town board of selectmen, he signed on as a district supervisor for the Kennebec Soil and Water Conservation District. For twenty-five years, he wrote and edited an extensive annual report for the district, and won awards for the best county report for many years running. In fact, he won for so many years the state commission passed a rule that no district could win the award two years in a row.

Frank never met a "pun" he didn't like, and the cornier the joke, the better. He tended to incorporate both into his writings, and loved to throw his audience a well intended "zinger" now and then. He was often asked to write testimonials, and regularly spoke at memorial services, or at a roast for someone's birthday celebration.

Of all Frank's writing endeavors, perhaps the one he is most noted for is his creation of "Little Mae Pea" a fictional character used for years in his weekly advertisements to lure customers from Augusta and beyond. Described as sexy and sweet, and just a little naughty, Little Mae Pea tells of being handled by all the boys, then thrown in a sack and tossed over their shoulders, cave man style. Just when she gets her hopes up, she is sold to a customer to be served as a gourmet dish! Many customers looked forward each week to reading the Farnham's Market



advertisements, and getting updates on the exploits of Little Mae Pea. Many would drive to Belgrade to see what the fuss was all about.

When he wasn't farming or writing, Frank had lots of hobbies. In the sixties, there was usually a badminton game going on in the evening at the Market. Winters, he played in the Men's Volleyball League at the central school. He was a regular fan at Belgrade High School and Men's Basketball League games. He played cribbage, bridge, and Scrabble at home, and has always been a voracious reader. Frank even tried his hand at acting. Joining The Augusta Players in the mid-sixties, he received glowing reviews for his leading roles in productions of "John Brown's Body" and "The Diary of Anne Frank". Above all, he loved and closely followed his Boston sports teams. The Patriots are on top of the world, the Boston Red Sox finally won a pennant, and the Celtics are "just a year away from returning to championship form". His sports world was never better.

Frank never wanted to retire. He was down to planting just over an acre at the end, and though the quantity was down, the quality was not. He was in his garden every day, no matter what the temperature. He hoed, and watered when needed, and picked every day, so each day he would have fresh produce. People would stop along the road and walk down to talk to him. Old customers who had known him for years, younger customers who would tell of coming to his market forty years ago with their parents or grandparents, and people he had never met, but who saw him out in his garden day after day and just wanted to meet this man. He was a farmer to the end. On his last day, he inquired about his tractor, and was comforted when told that, yes –it had been winterized and covered for winter, and the plow had been remounted on the tractor to be ready for spring plowing.

I will miss his stories. Tales of flying down Minot's hill on homemade bobsleds, of riding a horse drawn



pung on a frosty winter eve to a Grange meeting, of games of musical chairs, of hanging maybaskets, Monday night cribbage games at the local barbershop, and men coming to blows at a Grange supper over which table would get a certain favorite pie. Stories of pranks pulled, such as the night of the chivaree, when several locals snuck up outside a bedroom window at a Castle Island Camp where two

newlyweds were spending their first night together, and fired off a twelve-gauge shotgun at 2:00 a.m. The bride, to this day, denies having ever heard gunfire that night!

Frank's family (I'm told) owned the first radio and the second automobile in town. With his passing this last November, it's safe to say he was the last Belgrader to earn a living growing and selling his own vegetables from a farm market. It's the end of a really wonderful and unique era. Today, you couldn't follow in his footsteps, no matter how much you loved farming. Land in Belgrade is too valuable as house lots to devote 40 acres to planting vegetables. There are too many houses surrounding farmland to make spraying insecticides safe, and even if you grew all organic crops, you couldn't find the help today to pick the crops. In the past, once the first crop of peas came on, kids worked seven days a week until frost. They might get an occasional afternoon off, or one day to go school shopping, but vegetables had to be picked fresh every day – no exceptions! Today's youth have sports camps to attend, summer vacations with their families, and schools start earlier and earlier every year.

Frank lived in a pretty special time in history. He started life in a home with no electricity, waiting for a team of horses to go by rolling and packing the snow before he could venture out in the winter, and ended up seeing man walk on the moon, and the world forever changed by the age of computers and microchips. He adapted to the changing environment, but still managed to live out his life doing what he loved best, reading, writing, and earning a livelihood growing crops on his land. It was always a labor of love.



## Memorial Dedication



*Dorothy "Bibby" Levine Alfond  
1916-2005*

*From the Family of Dorothy "Bibby" Alfond:*

*N*early sixty years ago, Bibby and Harold Alfond purchased the old McCormick property on Great Pond. It was Bibby's dream to create a place where memories are made; where the ties that bind families together could be woven; where traditions could be established; where friends and friends of friends could be welcomed.

Her dream was realized far beyond her expectations. Today, four generations of the Alfond family, living across the country, regard Belgrade as the home of their hearts.



## Reference Numbers

### Belgrade Town Office

Telephone ..... 495-2258  
 Fax ..... 495-2742  
 E-mail ..... townoffice@belgrademaine.com

### Town Manager

Mark L. 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 ..... 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

Katherine Riddle ..... 465-3351 (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

Paul Hanna ..... 495-3805  
555 Augusta 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

David Willard ..... 495-2841  
15 Buck Ridge Drive, 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



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## *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

David Willard ..... 495-2841  
15 Buck Ridge Drive, 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

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



# About Belgrade

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

The first settlers came to Belgrade in 1774, and the Town was incorporated in 1796. In the early days, most of its citizens earned a living by farming or working in its several grist and lumber mills. Gradually, however, residents started commuting to nearby cities for employment.

Now, no working farms remain in Belgrade, and the town has become what many call a "bedroom community" composed of people who reside here but who work elsewhere. Employment in town is limited, with two lumber companies and a manufacturer of concrete products employing most locals. Small businesses such as restaurants and country stores provide a few year-round jobs, with rental cottages, boys/girls camps, marinas and a golf course adding part-time positions in the summer.

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

Although the Town has one constable, their 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 Town Clerk/Tax Collector, 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*

2,582

## *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, Clement Way, Belgrade, ME



# Elected Representatives to the State Government

*Senator*  
*Chandler Woodcock (R)*  
*District 18*

Senate Chamber, State House Station #3, Augusta, ME 04333  
259 Middle Street  
Farmington, ME  
778-6220 Residence  
Capitol Telephone: 207-287-1505  
Fax: 207-287-1527  
TTY 207-287-1583  
E-Mail: SenChandler.Woodcock@legislature.maine.gov

*Representative*  
*Stanley A. Moody (D)*  
*District 83*

House of Representatives, State House Station #2, Augusta, ME 04333  
or  
PO Box 240, Manchester, ME 04351  
626-0594 Residence & Business  
Fax: 623-0425  
E-Mail: StanHunts@aol.com  
Capitol Telephone: 207 287-1400  
TTY: 207 287-4469



# Elected Representatives to the Federal Government

## *Senator*

### ***Susan M Collins (R)***

United States Senate  
172 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
202-224-2523  
fax: 202-224-2693  
E-mail: senator@collins.senate.gov

## *Senator*

### ***Olympia Snowe (R)***

495 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
202-224-5344  
fax: 202-224-1946  
E-mail: olympia@snowe.senate.gov

## Representative

### ***Thomas H. Allen (D)***

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



# 2005 Town Officers

## *Elected Officials*

### Board of Selectpersons

Dennis Purington, Chair (06)  
 Richard "Spike" Carey (06)  
 Melanie Jewell (08)  
 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 (08)  
 Frank Haggan (06)  
 Laura Corbett (07)

### Town Meeting Moderator

John R. Bradshaw

## *Appointed Officials*

### Town Manager

Mark L Turner

### Town Clerk & Tax Collector

Cheryl T. Cook

### Treasurer

Pamela G. Tracy

### Deputy Clerk & Registrar of Voters

Jane E. Bickford

### Town Historian

Nancy Mairs

### Health Officer

Katherine Riddle

### 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

Kaitlyn Foster

### Secretary, Board of Appeals

Penelope Morrell

### Assessor

Robert Duplisea, CMA

### Auditor

Keel J. Hood, CPA



Mark L. Turner  
Town Manager



Jane Bickford & Cheryl Cook  
Deputy Clerk & Town Clerk



Pamela G. Tracy  
Town Treasurer



Mary Vogel  
Board Sec. & Asst. Clerk



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## *Appointed Boards, Committees & Department Heads*

### **Budget Committee**

G. Donald Taylor (07)  
Dennis Keschl (06)  
Roger Nadeau (07)  
John Sutton (08),  
Rodney Bickford (08)  
Jonathan Perkins (06)

### **Planning Board**

Stephen Foster  
Chair (07)  
Karla Carey (06)  
Dan Pratt (08)  
Peter Rushton (08)  
Karen Damren (07)  
Gary R Fuller, CEO  
2 Vacant Alt.

### **Board of Appeals**

Robert Martin  
Chair (08)  
David Roy (07)  
Dennis Keschl V.Chair (07)  
Kirk Sperrey (07)  
Peter Sargent (06)  
Shawn Mullens (08)  
Gordon Pow (06)

### **Board of Assessment Review**

Gloria McGraw (07)  
Gordon Pow (08)  
Betty Grant (06)

### **Cemetery Committee**

Michael Urbanek, Sexton  
Bryce Wadleigh (07)  
Raymond Nutter (08)  
Nancy French (06)  
Carl Yeaton (08)

### **Recreation Director**

Vacant

### **Library Director**

Marcia Haigh

### **Dams Committee**

Richard Mackenzie, Chair,  
Rome  
Percy Ackerman, Belgrade  
(08)  
Dennis Purington, Belgrade  
(alt 07)  
George Hoy, Belgrade (07)  
Roger Pelletier, Belgrade (06)  
Dolores Lemon, Oakland (06)  
Tim Comfort, Rome (07)  
G Donald Taylor, Belgrade (07)

### **Don C. Stevens Trust Committee**

Pam Prescott, Chair  
Cal Davis  
Sue Nutter  
Linda Sprague

### **Board of Parks & Recreation**

Jean Saucier, Chair (08)  
Michelle Urbanek (06)  
Cindy Davidson (08)  
Julie Dana  
Vice Chair (06)  
Catherine Urbanek (08)  
Sue Perrino (07)  
Faith Morgan (06)  
Kathryn Horton (07)  
Robert Steinberg (08)  
Jean Dalton (07)  
Amy Bernatchez, Alternate  
William Getty, Alternate

### **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  
(08)  
Bruce Galouch, Ass't Chief/  
Belgrade Depot (07)  
Edward Ketch, Ass't Chief/  
Belgrade Lakes (08)  
Chris Henninger, Ass't Chief/  
North Belgrade (08)  
Lisa Day, Rescue Chief/  
Director of Rescue (06)  
Tom Feeney, Emergency  
Management Director

### **Long Range Planning Committee**

Jack Sutton, Chair (06)  
Scott Luettich (07)  
Adelaide Lalime (06)  
Nancy Mairs (08)  
Bruce Hazard (07)

### **Enhanced Neighborhood Policing Committee**

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

### **Library Trustees**

Edward Salmon (08)  
Nancy Mairs (07)  
Harry Colt (06)  
Kris Veins (07)  
John Willey (06)  
Patricia Pow (08)  
Loyce Hayslett (06)



# Selectpersons' Report

On behalf of the Board of Selectpersons, I would like to thank the town staff and all Town volunteers for their efforts to make the town a great place to live. Volunteers are what make towns like ours function and provide services to our citizens.

If all the articles pass at Town Meeting, the town portion of your property tax bill will increase 5.5 percent. The county tax for 2006 will increase by 1.9 percent. The school budget will be determined after our town meeting. The municipal portion of your 2005 property tax bill was 27 percent. The county portion was 7.7 percent. S.A.D. 47 portion was 65.3 percent. The municipal portion is the only part of property tax bill that we have direct control over. Both Kennebec County and SAD 47 assess the local share on state valuation of the town.

In my opinion, our state government is the largest reason we have increased property taxes. Referendum 1-A was passed by the citizens of our state which would have required state government to pay 55 percent of education cost immediately. The Legislature and Governor Baldacci gave us 1-B which was to phase in 55 percent funding over time, ignoring the citizens choice. The Homestead Exemption was increased to \$13,000, but the state government only reimbursed one half of the exemption. The town had to increase everyone's property taxes to pay for the one half the state did not reimburse. Yet the state government keeps creating new programs without adequately funding existing programs.

LD1 was created by state government to provide for municipal spending limits on towns and Belgrade is subject to it with the budget to be voted on at the March Town Meeting. The LD1 calculation allows Belgrade to have an increase of 4.7 percent over last year's core municipal commitment. If the town complies with this requirement, we would have to decrease the budget for 2006 11.7 percent (\$185,402) below

the 2005 budget. Therefore, we will have an article to increase the LD1 property tax levy limit.

As a town official, I am frustrated by forces beyond local control that drives our property tax bills.

Again, I would like to thank all the town volunteers who serve on the various town boards, firefighters and rescue.

Please stay informed and involved in Town.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Dennis A. Purington  
Chairman of the Board of Selectpersons



## *Board of Selectpersons*

Dennis Purington, Chair  
Richard Damren, V Chair  
Richard "Spike" Carey  
Melanie Jewell  
Christopher Merrow



# Town Manager's Report

This portion of the annual Town Report focuses on a management perspective of activities and events that occurred during 2005. We had a very productive, yet typical year in Belgrade. As many might assume, if everything is relatively quiet, everything must be going good.

I would like to, first, acknowledge and thank our Town employees, elected officials and all the members of our various boards and committees for their efforts in providing outstanding governmental services for our citizens during the past year. Please remember that good government is the product of people's contributions. It does not happen by itself. In Belgrade, we are fortunate to have a generous number of dedicated and civic-minded individuals.

This is the Town's first year that our municipal budget has been developed under the provisions of LD-1, the new property tax limitation law. LD-1, because of its built-in property tax growth restrictions, has forced many towns to reexamine how best to maintain and broaden their level of services.

Being the first year under this funding formula, some towns have used surplus funds to meet the LD-1 requirements. This approach, while perfectly acceptable, will only be effective in the short-term and may at some point violate fiscally sound and generally accepted accounting practices with regards to the preservation of a recommended level of surplus. Other towns have cut personnel and services or have introduced increased fees. This also works in the short-term with the understanding that you cannot continue to sacrifice the delivery of essential services, or charge extra for services that were previously property tax based, without suffering some erosion in public confidence and support. Still other towns have elected to exceed, a legal alternative, the incremental property tax ceiling imposed by LD-1. This alternative allows towns to budget beyond the property tax levy limit to attain a more realistic and adequate level of funding for delivery of services, for funding capital improvement needs and for meeting the economic challenges imposed by constantly increasing and often unpredictable inflationary pressures. Forging a delicate balance between increased fixed expense

items such as energy, insurances, contracted services and other non-controllable costs and being fiscally responsible to our taxpayers is what we have tried to achieve in this year's budget.

In the first year of LD-1, early indicators are that roughly one third of the towns in Maine on fiscal year budgets (July to June) have voted to exceed the property tax levy limit. Calendar year towns, such as Belgrade, have not yet been evaluated. Our allowable growth limitation factor under LD-1 was calculated at 4.7%. The final budget being offered for voter approval is 5.5% over last year's budget, exclusive of school and county assessments. Therefore, there will be an article asking voters to approve exceeding the LD-1 property tax levy by a small margin to cover what mostly represents an inflationary driven increase in fixed costs.

Not only have we attempted to develop a budget that provides for maintenance of existing programs and services, there have also been initiatives on the local level for broadening and strengthening these programs and services. Some of the major highlights I would like to share with you include the development of a Solid Waste Ordinance and the proposal to form a partnership with the Waterville Area Boy's/Girl's Club to administer and provide recreation programs for the Town. These two proposals will not cost taxpayers any extra, if approved, but may indeed provide recognizable cost savings in the future.

In closing, I would like to encourage residents to take a more active role in their town's affairs. Attend Selectboard meetings or other committee meetings just to see what issues are being discussed. Your participation in these deliberations is important. Again, good government is the product of people's contributions.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Mark L. Turner  
Town Manager



# Planning Board Report

This year started out as a very busy year with the Planning Board acting on several subdivision applications and Commercial Reviews. However, in recent months the Planning Board has had a little time to look at changes which are needed in the minimum lot size, subdivision and road ordinance, so as to correct some of the conflicting information. Also, the shoreland zoning map needs to be updated this year.

The Planning Board has openings for 2 alternated members at this time.

As always, I want to thank the board members for all their hard work and generous donation of their time.

Note: Karen Damren has stepped down as secretary but thankfully stayed on as an active member. Katelyn Foster took over Karen's job as secretary and is learning the job with help from Karen and other board members.

Thank you

*Respectfully submitted,*

Stephen Foster  
Chairman



# Long Range Planning Committee Report

During 2005 Belgrade received a set of town maps from the "Beginning with Habitat" program that characterize town land with respect to wildlife habitat for land use planning. Similar maps are available for surrounding towns and the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance has obtained sets of them for all towns in the Belgrade Lakes watershed. Belgrade's maps are available to the Planning Board and hopefully will be useful in evaluating of land use proposals. The maps should also assist in updating Belgrade's Comprehensive Plan, now over eight years old, and may help individual landowners to evaluate their own private conservation planning. They are on file at the Town Office and available for public inspection on request.

The LRPC and the Cemetery Committee have exchanged views regarding future access to Town land that is the part of Tax Map Lot 59B within 300 feet of present Pine Grove Cemetery (about five acres). The Cemetery Committee proposes to develop other cemetery land such that access to the aforementioned Town land would be restricted except for cemetery use. The LRPC believes the Lot 59B parcel may be valuable to the Town for non-cemetery purposes and that the question of its access and use should be brought to the Town Meeting. We concur with the Cemetery Committee to bring this issue before the 2006 Town Meeting.

The LRPC worked with the Selectpersons' Committee on the Transfer Station, which is covered separately in this Annual Report.

At LRPC suggestion the Town Manager inquired to Maine DOT regarding improvements to Rt. 27 through Belgrade Lakes Village. The Town has reserved \$30,000 plus accumulated interest for sidewalk improvements coordinated with state road work. Transportation Commissioner David Cole responded in late December that the department was not funded for major improvements through BLV but was interested in working with Belgrade on the streetscape plan that is the basis for the reserve

account. The Town should follow this up with Maine DOT during 2006.

Looking ahead, Belgrade faces issues of regionalization, groundwater pollution, sprawl, development, and cost control. People need places to live, work and to provide for their families. Belgrade is an attractive town, but it should take care that growing demands on space and resources do not out run its capacity to absorb growth without eroding those characteristics and natural values that make it attractive. Townspeople, individually and collectively, must accept the challenge and act to preserve these values, or watch them erode irretrievably, bit by bit.

LRPC members are appointed by the Selectpersons. The committee size is not fixed but six is considered a good number if each member is active. At that rate the committee will need at least three new members in 2006, to fill one vacancy, to replace Nancy Mairs who has graciously served as secretary beyond her '05 term and Jack Sutton who retires from the committee in '06. Interested volunteers are needed. Please contact one of the Selectpersons, the Town Manager or a LRPC member.

*Respectfully,*

Bruce Hazard, Nancy Mairs, Adelaide Lalime,  
Scott Luettich, Jack Sutton



# Budget Committee Report

The six-person Budget Committee is appointed by the Selectpersons for staggered three year terms. Its responsibility is to advise the Selectpersons on financial matters and to make written recommendations on the annual budget to the Townspeople. These recommendations appear with each article in the Town Warrant that involves expenditure of funds. Standing practice is that expenditure articles are discussed and recommendations voted at joint meetings of the Selectpersons and Budget Committee, where everyone concerned can share and discuss the same information at one time. An all-day Saturday meeting of Selectpersons and Budget Committee was held in December 2005 to review the complete 2006 Town Meeting warrant, with a follow up meeting scheduled in January to tie up loose ends.

The 2006 municipal budget proposals were developed in consideration of Maine's LD1, which limits municipal tax increases (not counting school appropriations or county assessments) to an index based on Maine's growth in total personal income plus a local property growth factor. The limit may be overridden by majority vote of the Town, subject to referendum reconsideration. Strong effort was made to keep the proposed 2006 municipal budget within LD1 limitations and at this writing it appears successful. However, a warrant article to authorize LD1 override, as provided by law, seems advisable at this early stage of understanding the LD1 process to avoid any uncertainty over the validity of the budget Belgrade finally adopts for 2006.

Areas of budgetary uncertainty include:

- Forecasts of non-property tax revenues (excise taxes, permits, rentals, fees, sales of recycled materials, fines, grants, etc.)
- Severe cost escalation (paving materials, fuel, etc.)
- Potential liabilities (old dump site complaint, road salt contamination, etc)

Budget Committee members agree that additional meetings are needed throughout the year to consider policy matters and areas of major expenditure in more depth. This will be done during 2006, with meetings scheduled and posted in advance by the Town Office. As always, the public is welcome to attend these meetings.

Thanks to Charles Heino who retired from the Budget Committee in '05 and welcome to Rodney Bickford who was appointed in '05.

*Respectfully,*

Rodney Bickford (08)  
Dennis Keschl (06)  
G. Donald Taylor (07)  
Roger Nadeau (07)  
Jonathan Perkins (06)  
Jack Sutton, Chair (08)



# Code Enforcement Officer's Report

2005 has proven to be yet another busy year, although the number of building permits were slightly less than 2004's, 148 compared to 167 in 2004.

	2004	2005
Single Family Dwellings	38	38
New Seasonal Homes	1	2
Alterations/Additions	46	48
Garages/Sheds/Acces. Building	47	35
Mobile Homes	6	5
Swimming Pools	4	3
Commercial Structures	4	2
Sitework/Erosion Control	2	0
Carport	1	1
Barns	2	3
Foundations/Retaining Wall	5	4
Manufacturing Plant	0	1
Storage Bldgs. Commercial	0	1
Sunroom	0	2
Boathouse (Repairs)	1	0
Bunkhouses	1	0
Ramp	1	0
Denied	4	2
Withdrew permit	3	00
Permits on hold	1	00
Parking Lot	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>148</b>

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 96 Plumbing permits were issued for the year ending December 31, 2005. Of these permits 48 were for external plumbing and 48 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 2005, we performed maintenance at Wings Mill Dam to fix a gate that had malfunctioned and did a survey of necessary repairs in 2006. We also did work at Salmon Lake to fill a sink hole and fix the gate and further work is needed.

In 2006, we estimate repairs to Great Pond to require \$3,600, Wings Mill \$9,000 and Salmon Lake \$2,500. In anticipation of these repairs, we are asking the towns to appropriate and raise \$15,100 for these purposes:

Belgrade .....	\$8,456
Rome .....	4,077
Oakland .....	2,567
TOTAL .....	\$15,100

Approved by the Dams Committee on October 27, 2005

*Respectfully submitted,*

Richard A MacKenzie  
Chairperson, Dams Committee



# Road Commissioner's Report

During the past year we had an opportunity to get a lot of brush and roadside trimming done. We reclaimed and paved the West Road from the Castle Island Road to the Dunn Road. The paving was done late last year because of such a rainy fall. This year, hopefully, we can reclaim and pave the West Road from the Dunn Road to Route 135 (Manchester Road). This will complete the whole length of the West Road. Next year we hope to get to McGrath Pond Road and Warren Hill Road.

Last year we widened shoulders on the Dunn Road from the transfer station almost to Sandy Cove. This year we will continue to widen the shoulders on portions of the Dunn Road. This will continue with part 2 of a 3-4 year plan leading to a 20-foot paved travel lane with 3-foot gravel shoulders making it a much safer road.

We appreciate the efforts of everyone who follow the rules of the transfer station making it a more efficient and safer facility.

Please do not deposit ANY ashes in the trash hopper. There is a designated area for them near the burn pile.

This is a reminder- Please get a driveway permit before you do ANY improvements to your existing driveway (which includes paving), as well as new driveways. This really does save the Town a lot of money.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Maurice W. Childs  
Town of Belgrade  
Road Commissioner



# Kennebec County Sheriff's Report

Office of the Sheriff • Kennebec County, Maine  
Everett B. Flannery, Jr., Sheriff • Major Randall A. Liberty, Chief Deputy

In 2005 The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office continued to experience more positive change. The agency received a considerable Homeland Security Grant and used it to purchase software and computers with which to arm the Deputies with up to date criminal and traffic information. The "Mobile Data Terminals" allow the Deputies to communicate voiceless, and to run a number of checks while patrolling the towns of Kennebec. This allows the agency to save money and fuel due to the Deputies having access to reports while in the field as well as providing quicker response times to calls for service.

The Correctional Center experienced a jump in it's number of inmates housed for the 2005 year. In 2004 we housed an average of 165 inmates per day. In 2005 that number rose to 183. This results in all costs going upward due to the increase. For instance, the number of meals served per day rises by three for each person. The Administration and the entire staff are working tirelessly to deal with the huge number of people that are housed by our facility. With the jail being built to house 151 inmates, any number over that creates a problem with everything from medical and psychiatric services to facility wear and tear. We have been extremely progressive in the last 5 years in an attempt to provide programs to allow our inmates to learn, educate, and receive services in hopes of providing them with the tools needed to become productive citizens.

Some of the challenges that occurred in 2005 and our responses:

## **Explosion of Drug Trafficking**

- Formation of Northern Kennebec Drug Task Force
- Addition of a second drug K-9
- Refocus of patrol efforts to the Drug
- Problem resulting in excess of 200 drug search warrants in a 2 year period

## **Significant Increase in Jail population**

- Expansion of Programs designed to educate and reduce the number of inmate costs

## **Use of a County run inmate garden for produce**

- Upgrade of equipment to deal with larger food bulk buying plans.

It is our intention to continue to provide the most professional and cost effective services that the people of Kennebec County have come to expect.

If I can answer any questions or be of service please call the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office.

*Sincerely,*

Randall A. Liberty, Chief Deputy  
Kennebec County



# Fire & Rescue Report

Chimney Fires .....	4
10/55 .....	31
Brush Fires .....	5
Snowmobile/ATV Accident .....	4
Vehicle Fires .....	3
Hazmat Spill .....	2
Other Fires .....	9
Power Lines Down .....	8
Unattended Burn .....	4
Flooded Cellars .....	6
Smoke Investigations .....	2
Structure Fires .....	2
Fire Alarms .....	13
Flooded Roads .....	1
CO2 Alarms .....	2
Ice Rescues .....	1

## Mutual Aid Rescues -

Sidney, Rome, Mt Vernon, Readfield, Manchester, Oakland, Vienna .....	8
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**Total Calls ..... 105**

## Rescue Calls

Medical Calls .....	150
10/55 .....	40
Mutual Aid .....	7
Trauma .....	22

**Total ..... 219**

## 6 Year Fire & Rescue Response Summary

Year	No. of Incidents
2000 .....	205
2001 .....	266
2002 .....	306
2003 .....	345
2004 .....	356
2005 .....	324

It has been a very busy year for Belgrade Fire and Rescue between calls, staying up with training, and fund raisers. This year we had major pump repair done to 61 that came out of our capital reserve account because of the cost and Rescue 6 had to have a new engine which was under warranty. Both units are up and running fine.

We had the North Belgrade Station and the Depot Station painted this year. They came out very nice and look great. Thanks to the Department of Corrections' Central Maine Prerelease Center who did the work.

We acquired a 2004 Yamaha 4x4 Rhino Utility Vehicle, thanks to the Belgrade Fire and Rescue Association and private duties. This unit came online in June and can be used in numerous ways- from hauling our Rescue sled to carrying gear and manpower in to and out of grass and woods fires. This unit saves a lot of work and time.

For the year 2005 awards were given to Chief Jeffrey Stevens for the Firefighter of the Year, and Firefighter/Paramedic Thomas Feeney for Rescue Person of the Year. A special award was presented to Rescue Chief Lisa Day for all the hard work she has done to update our Rescue Squad.





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 work day to answer calls. If it were not 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.

We would like to thank all Fire and Rescue personnel, past and present, for their dedicated hours of service to the Department and the Town of Belgrade.

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

*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



# Transfer Station Committee Report

The Board of Selectpersons appointed the Transfer Station Committee in late 2004 to investigate and recommend ways to improve municipal solid waste (MSW) disposal and recycling operations, recognizing these combined

functions now account for approximately \$250,000 of Belgrade's municipal tax burden. Regular Committee members are Richard Damren, Chair, Bruce Galouch, Michael Pooler, Adam Doran (Recycle Committee Chair) and Jack Sutton; with participation by Mark Turner, Town Manager; Maurice Childs, Road Commissioner and other Select Board members. The Committee is grateful to Sarah Flaks, Solid Waste Specialist for Kennebec Valley Council of Governments who volunteered to attend several meetings and shared useful insights gathered from her experience with many municipal MSW operations in this region. Committee meetings were held monthly at the Town Office.



## *Committee recommendations for action in 2006 include:*

- **Adopt a Transfer Station Ordinance** to clarify responsibilities and authority for Transfer Station operations. The proposed ordinance is prepared for action at the 2006 Town Meeting. The Committee thanks attorney Rebecca Seel for her voluntary help in drafting this proposal.
- **Contract to grind CDW** (construction and demolition wood), instead of hauling it to the Norridgewock landfill. Over 300 tons of CDW was ground and removed for boiler fuel in late 2005 at a cost saving of over \$20,000. This is now the Town's method of choice for CDW disposal, although more stringent DEP rules for CDW fuel may narrow future cost savings.
- **Explore contracting with Maine Resource Recovery Association** or a similar organization to market and remove recycled newsprint, magazines, old corrugated containers, mixed paper, selected plastics and glass.
- **Explore options to accumulate, load and market scrap metals and cans** to realize highest net value and, ideally, eliminate box rentals at \$1,000/year/unit.



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### *Issues requiring further analysis:*

- **Regionalization.** Belgrade should remain open-minded to considering favorable opportunities for participation in regional MSW disposal and recycling.
- **Alternatives to the present compactor system.** The present system is costly to operate and the rental of specialized trailers it requires is expensive.
- **Diversion of materials.** Why can't larger commercial loads be diverted directly to a final disposal site to eliminate double handling through the Transfer Station?
- **Fees for service.** Many municipalities now charge for waste disposal by weight or volume and/or by the bag. Belgrade stands out by not doing so. Fees for service more closely match costs to actual waste generators, encourage conservation and remove some MSW costs from the municipal tax base.
- **Special wastes.** Fluorescent tubes, mercury containing devices and electronic equipment must be segregated, stored and handled under conditions prescribed by DEP, adding to Transfer Station space requirements and operating costs.
- **Recycling facilities.** Present recycling facilities and systems require much handling by attendants, from the points of deposit by customers, through preparation, storage and loading for final removal. Can these systems be improved?
- **Public education.** Can townspeople and businesses be encouraged to recycle more saleable material to reduce the volume hauled to landfill at higher net cost to the Town?
- **Administration.** Does the present system of Transfer Station stickers and spot checks by attendants provide adequate protection against unauthorized use of the facility?

Finally, the Committee wishes to thank the Town Manager, Road Commissioner and Transfer Station attendants for their participation and help in this ongoing process of questioning all aspects of Transfer Station operation. Their patience and understanding is appreciated.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Transfer Station Committee



# Recycling Committee Report

During 2005, the Recycling Committee continued its work with the Municipal Solid Waste Management Committee that was formed during 2004. The group continued its hard look at the waste management aspects of the town, including organization and control, facility design and operation, and regionalization. The committee is examining the costs associated with the transfer station and recycling center, and is establishing steps the town can take to potentially reduce these costs and improve efficiency of the transfer station. One of the major projects that the Committee drafted during 2005 was the Solid Waste and Recycling Ordinance.

A portable tub grinder was brought onsite at the transfer station in 2005 to grind up the large pile of treated / painted wood that had accumulated for a year (approximately 305 tons). The town's newsletters reiterated the waste and recycling procedures in place at the transfer station to help residents. The transfer station employees 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 by July 20, 2006, that residents' household TVs and computer monitors (cathode ray tubes or CRTs) must be collected for recycling and not disposed of. Belgrade will begin this recycling process during 2006. The State of Maine has already required 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 a shed at the transfer station for the storage of the mercury-added product wastes generated by the town. The town collected 198 fluorescent bulbs during 2005 for recycling (4 foot, 8 foot, and u-tubes) with Wesco.



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 2005 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 2004 was 40.82%, down from 43.99% in 2003. The town also produces and distributes about 30 cubic yards of compost each year.

The town needs to keep a consistent effort at recycling. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has estimated the type and percentage of waste products generated by Americans today: paper - 40.4 percent, yard trimmings - 17.6 percent, metals - 8.5 percent, plastics - 8.0 percent, food scraps - 7.4 percent, glass - 7.0 percent, and other (rubber, leather, textiles, wood, etc) - 11.5 percent. The recycling effort for many of these waste products 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: Clarence Burnham, Dawn Burnham, Mike Burnham, Maurice Childs, Adam Doran, Harold Tripp



# Health Officer's Report

It is important that all residents of Belgrade are aware of the need to report certain communicable diseases to the local health officer. The updated list from the Maine Bureau of Health includes: Animal Rabies, Meningitis, Chicken Pox, Chalmidya, 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. If you have questions about any illness, contact your personal health care giver or I may be able to be a resource for you. In order to control the spread of such diseases, we must know that they exist in our community.

I am also the School Nurse at Messalonskee High School and am aware of the health issues we face. This school year we have seen Conjunctivitis, Strep Throat, Mononucleosis, Bronchitis, Flu and Staph infections. It is wise to keep sick children home if they are feverish, coughing, sneezing, vomiting, having diarrhea or any other symptoms that may expose others to the illness.

All of us need to be aware that as our ageing population grows, there are many in the community that may need a helping hand or just a quick visit to check on their safety and well-being. A brief visit may just add a bright light to an otherwise dark day.

Please remember that the local Food Pantry is serving Belgrade area residents with weekly hours and food baskets on Thanksgiving and Christmas. This service is provided by volunteers and would gladly accept any donations of food, cash or time.

Many of you have seen the articles that I have been writing for the newsletter and I have been getting positive feedback. If there is anything you would like to address, please leave a message or note for me at the Town Office. I appreciate any communication you may send my way.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Katherine Riddle RN, BS, CHES  
Belgrade Health Officer



# Belgrade Historical Society

The Society's mission is to learn about, preserve, protect and present the local heritage of Belgrade. Our dream is for Belgrade to eventually have a place where historic information and artifacts can be safely stored and displayed.

Educational programs in 2005 included research on Old South Church by Wendy Hazard, who described the events and context in which the church was built and evolved. Adelaide Lalime told us how and why her home is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. We toured the Roys' family compound, once owned by the Hamid family, who had circus interests. Both the walking tour of Chandler's Mills and the boat tour around Great Pond drew enthusiastic response to the historic information which our volunteers provided.

Over twenty members attended the annual meeting and luncheon in June. Earle Shettleworth, State Historian, was the guest speaker, entertaining and teaching us with a slide talk on the "Historic Summer Architecture of Belgrade."

The Society has sold all of the placemats but still has copies of the hard-cover Belgrade history book for sale. The auction of decorated Christmas trees, held as part of the Annual Christmas Stroll, was a successful fund-raiser, thanks to our volunteers, Gloria McGraw and business groups.

Watch for the calendar and program posters of 2006 meetings, usually on the fourth Wednesday of the month. We are planning programs on Klir Beck, Lyle Strickland's bicentennial trek, early Belgrade history, and the spruce gum industry. We invite and urge you to join our group or attend any meeting. For more information, phone Nan Mairs at 465-7924.



# Town Historian's Report

## *The Last Silo?*

Belgrade's agricultural heritage began before the town was incorporated 1796. Kennebec County already had the State's first agricultural society and a few progressive farmers had imported cattle, seeds and tools from England. During the Civil War the demand was great for New England farm products, especially beef and wool, and in 1863 Belgrade reported having 3,732 sheep, 658 cows all ages, 462 steers and oxen, and 271 horses. Horses were fast replacing oxen for farm work.

After the war, Maine farm prices and land values dropped along with the market for beef and wool. We could not compete with the newly settled farms out west, where cattle and sheep could graze on public grassland and be shipped to market by railroad. Many Maine families left for those greener pastures and Belgrade's population continued to decline. Others turned to dairying. They bred better cattle, experimented with mixed feed and winter diets, and adopted new tools and technology. Silos, structures for the preservation and storage of green fodder, began to appear on the Maine scene.

In 1881, Maine Central Railroad began operating refrigerator cars from Bangor to Boston, and the "cow college" at Orono started its first course in dairying a few years later. By 1900 the Boston market could be served with safe fluid milk, fresh cream and butter, facilitated by area creameries and the railroad. By this time silos had become symbolic of good farming practices, helping to ensure a steady milk supply through the winter.

However, the building of an upright silo was not to be undertaken lightly; it had to be done well or the walls would fail, due to the pressure of the silage inside. The foundation was usually made of concrete, level and strong but with drainage. The walls were most often made of wooden vertical staves held snugly by steel rods wrapped around at varying heights, closer together at the bottom where the pressure was greatest. This wooden cylinder had to be the right concrete pits called bunkers, larger and easier to use than the tall cylinders, though not as picturesque.

We may never know how many silos Belgrade has had over the years. The Kelley farm on Route 27 had a silo that was hit by lightning when Phronie Guptill Hammond was young. The Guptill farm had a silo inside their barn. The Lundgren-Pepper farm on Knowles Road had two silos that burned in 1977; Gordon Pepper replaced them with bunker silos that could hold much, much more corn and were easier to fill, pack and use. The Penney-Perkins silo came down about 1980. Chance Carlson has recently taken down the wooden silo inside his barn at the Burbank-Chase farm on Route 11. An old silo at the Priest-Bickford farm on Route 8 had been inside a barn also, Roger remembers. He built a wooden, free-standing silo in the 1970's, before he took it down in 2004 it leaned at a delicious angle.

But Lo, There is yet a Standing Silo in Belgrade! Not one, but two, I am told. They stand proud and red at the Gawler Farm.



# Superintendent's Report

January 2006

Dear Belgrade Residents:

District employees continue their commitment to your children. As a public school we are committed to the success of all children. Schools are not just places of academic learning, they are the hubs of our societies' socialization process. Youngsters come to us from age 4 to 19, some with all the advantages, others with few; every one is a treasure. As your superintendent I see the growth of your children intellectually, socially and physically. It is an awe inspiring sight to see a non-reader become a reader, to see students grow in their computation skills, to see the impact that our arts programs have on their global thinking and to see a developing athlete become a force to be reckoned with on the court or field.

Children come to us ready to learn, and others come to us with rudimentary skills. Some come to us bright and inquisitive, and others face monumental challenges due to learning disabilities or physical disabilities. The bottom line is the same; our goal is to provide an educational environment that promotes every child learning to his/her maximum potential. We thank you for the opportunity to reach and teach your children. It is an awesome responsibility, and we take it seriously.

As I review our enrollment for this year it is very similar to last year. Currently 285 students are enrolled at the Belgrade Central School, 335 at the James H. Bean School, 225 at the Atwood Primary School, and 235 at the Williams Elementary School. Messalonskee Middle School has 615 students, and Messalonskee High School has 908 students. As I stated last year, our class sizes, pre-k through grade 12, fall within the guidelines of good educational practice and state statute. My expectation is that the schools will open with similar enrollment in the fall of 2006.

Enrollment is critical as it is now 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 essential school funding and to distribute that funding equitably throughout Maine. The state is in a four-year ramp-up of school funding, with the goal that the state will pay for 55% of the funding for education statewide with the hope that such an increase in state funding will assist in lowering property taxes. During the current budget year that goal was met, and no member town was asked for more funds to support education due to the fact that the state increased its share of funding for the District. Because we did not have the impact of state funding before Rome raised its funds for the District, they were asked for an increase in funding. Will this goal be reached in the 2006-07 budget? I write this report in January, so I do not know the answer. There are always demands for new programming to improve learning opportunities for students. There are always non-academic pressure points in developing a budget that cause it to potentially increase, such as inflation, health insurance, fuel increases, and electrical increases. We need to balance those budgetary pressure points against students' needs and mandates from both Augusta and Washington.

The federal No Child left Behind Act (NCLBA) continues to impact the District. New this year is that all students across the country will be tested in grades 3 through 8. Discussions in Augusta concern me as our legislature considers laws that will directly impact our budget. Both Augusta and Washington pass on these mandates with inadequate additional state or federal funds for implementation, transferring the real costs to local school systems and local communities. As a result of those mandates, the District continues to look at services being



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provided children that could assist them in being successful. Programming added to support students include a regional summer school with the costs shared by five school systems (SAD 54, SAD 49, Waterville, Winslow and us), an extended school day program at MHS that involves bussing an extra two days a week, and more tutorial costs.

Shared administrative costs with Waterville continue in the areas of transportation, food service and adult education. Both school boards have committed themselves to continue these efforts. Winslow is part of the adult education effort.

As a district we have reaffirmed our commitment to the basics in the areas of literacy and mathematics. We continue to believe in a well-rounded program but recognize that for children to succeed in life they need to master these content areas.

Messalonskee continues to be recognized as one of Maine's finest school systems. Maine State Commissioner of Education Susan Gendron nominated Messalonskee High School as one of Maine's most promising. As a result, the high school has been working with the national Successful Schools Network. Principal Laughlin and her staff are working with the network to increase the relevance, and the rigor of our curriculum. We greatly appreciate the Commissioner's faith in us.

It's often said that it takes a community to raise a child. The towns of Belgrade, Oakland, Sidney and Rome are our District's community. The Messalonskee School District's successes are a direct result of your support. I thank you on behalf of our MSAD # 47 School Board and all of our employees for the honor of serving your children.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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



# Belgrade Library Board of Trustees

The Belgrade Public Library has grown steadily in patronage and support throughout 2005. Marcia Haigh, our director, assists patrons and community members, meeting the needs of all those who use the facility.

The Trustees have been particularly busy this fall. We held a very productive meeting with members of the Select Board, *Friends of the Belgrade Library*, and Belgrade Historical Society to discuss options and opinions for the future of the Library. In November, we also sent a survey to all Belgrade taxpayers. This drew one hundred twenty-nine (129) returns, most of them completed in full. Eighty-six (86) replies strongly supported a larger, centrally located library, either free-standing or in combination with the Town Office. Only five (5) asked that the library remain as it is. Support for inclusion of the Historical Society's documents and artifacts were strong. Eighty-five (85) families felt this should be a part of a new facility. Seventy-nine (79) surveys favored an increase in taxes to provide for a new facility while twenty-three (23) did not want an increase even though most wanted an improved library. Forty-three (43) individuals gave us a holiday present by offering their support in a variety of ways. The Trustees are grateful to all who took the time to complete and return the survey.

In January, we will hold a forum seeking information on the literacy needs of our community. This event will be funded through a state grant and should help us to better serve our citizens.



The Trustees welcomed Ed Salmon to the Board for the year 2006. We look forward to his new ideas and his enthusiasm for our library.

One survey respondent wrote, "The library is a major part of a community and I treasure Belgrade's Library. Thanks!" Another wrote, "The library is a critical resource for our town." As we move into a new year, the Trustees in partnership with our Director and the *Friends of the Library* hope to carry these positive thoughts with us to continually improve your library.

## *Respectfully submitted*

Trustees of the Belgrade Public Library

Kris Viens, Chairperson  
Loyce Hayslett, Vice-Chairperson  
Nancy Mairs, Treasurer  
Pat Pow, Secretary  
Harry Colt  
Tim Corbett  
John Willey



# Public Library Report

Belgrade Public Library has been serving the recreational reading and information needs of the community for 5 years. In 2005, our circulation of books increased by 6.8% and the number of people signed up for library cards is 1017. Our collection is now over 5400 items. Public use of the computer stations and the wireless Internet connection is a very popular service, which we are able to provide through grants and donations. Belgrade Public Library services and programs are available to all Belgrade taxpayers, both seasonal and year-round citizens.

The 400 square feet that currently holds the Library has reached capacity. The Library Trustees are developing a strategy which will allow us to continue to grow in a larger, centrally located space. The Friends of Belgrade Public Library will be helping with fund raising for this effort. In order to show community support for this next step, we are asking the Town to commit \$2000 to the Library Capital Reserve account. We will be applying for grants and most require a show of community support for a project before they will donate funds.

The Library wishes to thank the Belgrade Lakes Regional Business Group for supporting the adult winter reading program "Resolve to READ" and providing matching funds for the Maine Community Reads Literacy Planning Grant.

## **Library Hours - Winter**

Tuesday 12:00-7p.m.

Thursday 10a.m.-7p.m.

Friday 9a.m.-1p.m.

Saturday 9a.m.-1p.m.

## **Library Hours - Summer**

(May 15-October 15)

Tuesday 12:00-7p.m.

Wednesday 3p.m.-7p.m.

Thursday 10a.m.-7p.m.

Friday 9a.m.-1p.m.

The Library is in the process of updating its online catalog. Information regarding the Library and how to access the catalog can be found on the [www.belgrademaine.com](http://www.belgrademaine.com) website or by visiting the Library for a demonstration. We provide the following services:

Library Services for Adults

Community information exchange

New Fiction and Nonfiction books

Children's Services

Local newspaper & Magazines

Children's collection

Audio Books & Music CD's

Weekly children's story time

Large print collection

Maggie Schneider Science programs

Interlibrary book borrowing

Visits to preschools and daycares

Maine collection

Summer reading program

Gardening and cookbook collection

Technology

Biographies

Public computers and Internet access

Reference services

WIFI wireless connections

Reader advisory and book discussions

Photocopier and scanner

Book delivery to shut-ins

Access to informational and educational

Federal and State tax forms databases-

MARVEL

Online library catalog

Contact the Library by phone at 495-3508 or by e-mail at [Belgrade@belgrade.lib.me.us](mailto:Belgrade@belgrade.lib.me.us).

Thank you for your ongoing support.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Marcia Haigh  
Library Director



# Friends of the Library

Dear Belgrade Citizens:

The Friends of the Belgrade Public Library continues to work hard in fulfilling its mission of promoting interest in the Library, supporting its resources, services, and needs, in partnership with the Library Trustees and Library staff. We continue to work towards this objective through many different types of activities such as: fund raising events, providing matching funds to support the Community Reads Program and the purchase of books on tape/CD to enhance the current collection. In addition, the Friends group sponsors poetry nights and children's events to support the Library and enrich the Community.

The group celebrated its third anniversary in June, 2005 and announced the creation of an Endowment Fund for the Library. The goal of the Endowment Fund is to provide enough revenue in interest to supplement the Library Municipal Budget. Anyone interested in making a donation the Endowment Fund may contact one of the group's officers for more information. The Friends of Belgrade Public Library is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization and all donations are tax deductible.

The Friends of the Belgrade Public Library would like to thank our many volunteers and supporters who have assisted us in our annual Book Sales on July 4th and during Winter Carnival. Without your support we would not be a success.

We continue to meet monthly to discuss and plan events that emphasize library programming. We are in great need of volunteers to assist us in continuing our mission. 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  
Maureen Newman, President  
LeiLani Carlson, Treasurer



# Belgrade Girl Scout Report

We have been very busy this year!

We have 76 girls registered, and 25 adults assisting them in 6 different troops ranging from Daisy's in Kindergarten thru Cadets in 7th grade.

They have been very busy fund raising with their magazine drive in the fall. Doing food baskets for Thanksgiving, Caroling at Christmas Time in the Lakes and also having a Christmas party at school. We adopted a family, so at the party the girls wrapped the gifts they got for the family. Made ornaments to take home and edible ornaments for the tree at Workman's field. They took the ornaments to hang on the tree and sang more carols while decorating the tree, then came back to school for hot chocolate and a pizza party. We also had an ornament exchange which the girls really enjoyed.

Some of the girls went to the Science Museum in Boston. One troop went to B&B Embroidery in Sidney to see how shirts are embroidered with their names. One did a Bowling Trip. Some also learned how to use and operate a ham radio thanks to Don Smith.

This is also time for our Cookie Fund Raiser. The sales from fundraisers pay for our patches, badges earned and field trips the girls choose to go on. The girls also make donations out of cookie sales profits to a cause of their choice.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Jane E Furbush, T.O.C.



# Cub Scout Troop Pack 453 Report

The Pack Committee would again like to thank the Belgrade Lions Club, the Belgrade area businesses, and the Belgrade residents for their support over this past year. We would also like to extend special thanks to all the leaders in the Pack who make this program a huge success.

The Pack maintains a membership of approximately 50 boys, grades 1 through grade 5, from the Towns of Belgrade, Rome, Mount Vernon, and Smithfield. This year the Pack saw 6 scouts earn their Arrow of Light and cross over to the Belgrade Boy Scout Troop 453. Our annual recruitment added 12 boys to the ranks.

The Scouts of Pack 453 had a very active year. In addition to the regular weekly den meetings, monthly Pack meetings, and earning their ranks, the Cub Scouts camped out at The Center for All Seasons, went ice fishing, held the annual Pinewood Derby, held our Blue and Gold Banquet, and conducted our annual cake bake and auction. The theme for the cake bake was, "In Support of our Troops". The cake bake auction raised approximately \$485.00 which was donated to the Maine National Guard Foundation Fund, Family Program. In the spring, the Pack attended the K-

Valley District's Spring Camporee and took a trip to the Roger Williams Park Zoo in Rhode Island and Battleship Cove in Massachusetts. There were many memorable activities during this trip, not the least of which was staying overnight on the USS Massachusetts. During the summer, many scouts attended Pine Tree Council's summer camping programs and the Pack marched in the annual Belgrade Fourth of July parade. In the fall, we attended another wonderful camporee at the Clinton Fair Grounds, and started off our new year with a campfire Pack meeting at the Center for All Seasons. The holiday season gave many scouts the opportunity once again help the Salvation Army with their kettle drive and bell ringing.

Scouting is a positive life changing experience for the boys in our community. If you know of a boy ages 7 to 10 who would like to join, please contact us by going to [www.bsa453.org](http://www.bsa453.org) or by calling Dwayne Bickford at 465-7949.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Dwayne Bickford, Cub Master  
Pack 453



# Boy Scout Troop 453 Report

The Troop Committee of Belgrade Scout Troup 453 would like to thank the residents of Belgrade for their support in 2005. Newspaper recycling continues to provide the main financial support for our Troop. Early most Saturday mornings, you will see our scouts 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 promoting environmental responsibility. 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.

Our Troop consists of 22 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 2005, Troop 453 participated in skiing, winter camping at Camp Bomazeen, Spring Camporee in Monmouth, Summer Camp at Camp Roosevelt, campouts on Great Pond, a backpacking trip to Russell Pond in Baxter State Park, a camping/ biking/hiking trip to Acadia National Park, and an autumn hike up Tumbledown Mountain. To their credit, the boys who participated in the *Klondike Derby* (a winter camping skills and endurance challenge held in China on the coldest weekend in January) earned First Place in that competition!

Troop 453 service projects for 2005 included setting up and putting away chairs at the Town's Memorial Day service in addition to presentation of the colors, weeding the flower beds at the Center for All Seasons in preparation for the Governor's visit, and distribution of luminaries for the Christmas Stroll in Belgrade Lakes. In addition, several roadside trash clean up projects were conducted. In 2005, our scouts achieved rank advancement to Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class in addition to earning merit badges. Particularly noteworthy in 2005, is attainment of Eagle rank by Mitch Swan. Congratulations Mitch!

We thank everyone at the Town Office, 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 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

David Miller at 547-3912.



# Recreation Report

Dear Residents:

This has been a very busy year in recreation. We have gone through several changes in leadership. The Board of Parks and Recreation decided we needed to do something different. We developed two different subcommittees. One explored the possibility of hiring our own recreation director and the other explored the possibility of contracting out our programs to the Alford Youth Center in Waterville. This is not the first time that this idea has been talked about. It seemed this time, with no recreation director on board, was a good time to look at the idea more closely.

After several weeks of meetings, the subcommittees reported their findings to the Board of Parks and Recreation. After discussing both options at our January meeting, the board voted to recommend to the Selectpersons to pursue a one year contract with the Alford Center. The Board of Selectperson's then voted to move forward with a contract. We held informational meetings, as well as a public hearing. It is now up to you to decide whether or not this is the way to go. You will be asked to vote by referendum ballot on this question. Because I feel it is important for everyone to make an informed vote, I am going to take this opportunity to highlight the proposal that was agreed upon with the Alford Center.

## 1. Staffing

- They will provide a full-time recreation director, an after school program staff, a summer camp director and summer camp staff. They will hire programming staff and part-time staff as needed.
- Belgrade will provide maintenance staff and volunteers.



## 2. Program Expectations

- They will provide an eight-week summer camp and an after school program.
- Expanded programming for all ages – weekdays (3pm – 7pm) and weekends.
- Facility is available for rental/community usage when not being used for programs.

## 3. Funding

- Contract from Apr. 1, 2006 – Mar. 31, 2007.
- Belgrade would pay a flat fee of \$77,492.00 for the above services. (This is money that has been budgeted every year, it is not money that is above and beyond the budget.)
- Belgrade will receive the first \$47,500.00 in receipts. (This is the amount we put in our budget as projected revenues.) After the initial \$47,500.00 in receipts, we will split the net receipts 50 – 50.
- Grants, special events and donations made to the Alford Center for use at the Belgrade facility will be subject to a 15% administrative fee from the Alford Center.

## 4. Operations

- The Alford Center would be bound by current operating policies and procedures.
- The Alford Center would accept a Belgrade resident as a member of their board of directors.
- The Recreation Director would report to the Board of Parks and Recreation monthly and to the selectperson's quarterly.
- The Board of Parks and Recreation would be responsible for monitoring the contract.
- The library must be included in the operational decision making.

I truly hope that this helps you in your decision making and I hope that you will support recreation in Belgrade with a YES vote!

*Sincerely,*

Jean Saucier, Chairperson  
Belgrade Board Of Parks and Recreation



# Belgrade Recreation Association, Inc.

The Belgrade Recreation Association provides sports programs for our youth, grades K-6 in Rome and Belgrade. Volunteers are the backbone of our program. Without our volunteers, the programs would not run. With each season comes planning, registration, coaching, ordering equipment and uniforms, scheduling, stocking our snack shack, maintaining the fields, clean-up, fund raisers, practices and games. It's fantastic to watch our kids enjoy team sports, develop their skills, make new friends and stay active. We need our volunteers to make that happen. Get involved so our programs will continue.

The following positions are vacant and need your help: Softball Coordinator, Snack Shack Coordinator, Umpire Coordinator, Field Scheduling Coordinator and Coaches for Softball and Baseball. Step up and help us out. Call a Belgrade Recreation Board Member and get involved.

In the Spring of 2005, we provided our baseball and softball programs to almost 200 kids in Belgrade and Rome. This program is our strongest sports program and Belgrade has the finest fields of all the towns. Mr. Ken Workman spends hundreds of hours from April through October maintaining our beautiful fields. We maintain 4 fields which provide practices and games on a daily basis for 15 of our teams. Workman Field provides lights for evening games and tournaments. Our Snack Shack provides burgers and hot dogs, snacks, hot and cold drinks for your convenience. In July, Belgrade hosted the State Tournament for our 10 year old boys All-stars and a District Tournament for our 9 year old All-Stars. Monies from these tournaments are put back into our program to provide new uniforms and equipment for our players. We welcomed Mike Stuart as our new Baseball Coordinator. He is a native Belgrade resident that has offered his baseball experience and knowledge to our program. Many thanks to Mike and his family for all their time and hard work throughout the 2005 season.

In the Fall of 2005, we provided an intramural soccer program for 100 kids on Saturday mornings for grades K-6. Short-sided games and skill development is the focus for our Saturday morning program. We also field a co-ed Travel Team which

has earned Belgrade a name for itself in central Maine. The team travels to China, Winslow, Wilton, Gardner, Oakland and Sidney. Our Belgrade Travel Team was coach by Rich McCarthy and Jim Baker. Soccer is growing in central Maine and we're a part of it!

Winter basketball is a combined effort with Oakland Sidney. This program integrates the kids from our district and gives them the opportunity to play with kids from Belgrade, Rome, Oakland and Sidney on the same team. This model has been a fantastic experience for our boys and girls. When transitioning to the middle school in the 6th grade, our kids have already met some of their peers from Oakland and Sidney and they transition much better. They have friends outside of their town of Belgrade and they are not intimidated by the move up to the Middle School. Eric Seekins, Oakland Rec Director, has done an awesome job with this basketball program. We appreciate all the time and effort he has put into this successful program for our kids.

The Board members for 2005 were: Kenneth Workman, President; Steve Veilleux, Vice President; Todd Pelletier, Treasurer; Mary Vogel, Secretary. Voting Board members were: Mike Stuart, Roanne Colizzi, Cord Collier, Pete Marczak, and Diana Gagne.

The Board members for 2006 are: Kenneth Workman, President; Mike Stuart, Vice President; Todd Pelletier, Treasurer; Roanne Colizzi, Secretary. Voting Board members are: Cord Collier. We are looking for additional members to help make decisions for our sports programs throughout the year. Please contact us for the date of our next meeting.

Thank you Steve Veilleux and Mary Vogel for your time and dedication to the Belgrade Rec Association. Our baseball and softball programs appreciate your leadership roles and administrative expertise.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Ken Workman, Pres.

Todd Pelletier, Treas.

Mike Stuart, Vice Pres.

Roanne Colizzi, Sec.



# Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance

The Belgrade region is special to everyone who lives here for its natural beauty and recreational opportunities. BRCA may be unique in Maine in that it has two functions: as a land trust and as a conservation clearinghouse. We help make things happen through our own programs and by cooperating with organizations to accept grants and contracts for them, provide support services, and other arrangements that make it easier for them to sponsor projects. We work with landowners to help them achieve their conservation goals for their lands and benefit the community at the same time. As a result,

- In its tenth year, the youth Conservation Corps continues to prosper, completing over 409 projects. This year, 24 projects were completed in Belgrade.
- The Watershed Program is getting grants and working on water quality protection projects, including several on Long Pond, Great Pond, Messalonskee Lake and Salmon-Mcgrath Lake. Lake associations did over 7,000 voluntary boat inspections to protect our lakes from Milfoil and other invasive plants...more than any other group in the state!
- New land was conserved for us all to enjoy: two pieces were added to the Kennebec Highlands, 200 acres of Mt Phillip land and hiking trails were added, and four new conservation easements completed, one of which secured a treasured view in Belgrade. BRCA keeps its conservation lands open for the public including hunting, hiking and other uses.

We are especially proud that we now have more than 720 members. Their volunteer efforts and donations, along with the support of all area towns including Belgrade, make this work. There are many more projects on the drawing board for 2006. **Your** conservation alliance and its volunteers thank you for your continued support...we're in it for the long haul.

*Sincerely,*

The Volunteers of BRCA  
BRCA@GWI.net  
www.belgradelakes.net  
495-6039 P.O. Box 250  
Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918



# Belgrade Lakes Association

The Belgrade Lakes Association (BLA) works to protect Great Pond and Long Pond through education, preservation, and action. BLA's members include area residents, regular summer visitors, and one-time travelers to Belgrade. We welcome all who enjoy the ponds to join us and help protect them.

BLA's new projects focused on public education and research this year. Here are the highlights of our activities:

- Lake Smart. We encouraged shorefront property owners to improve water quality protection by learning how to manage land in a lake-friendly way at an all-day Lake Smart seminar. Over 20 people participated and even more had their properties evaluated. 5 won awards! Look for blue and white Lake Smart signs; these flag properties that show how to protect the lakes.
- Voyages of the Melinda Ann. BLA hosted the Maine Lake Conservancy's floating classroom over the weekend of July 30 and 31. We invited children and adults to climb aboard 2 hours of fun learning on Great and Long ponds.
- Gloeotrichia. BLA partnered with Colby College and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection to study the algae Gloeotrichia. Volunteers on both ponds measured algal growth several times a week from the bloom's beginning through September. BLA also paid 2 full-time summer interns who conducted water quality studies from Colby's research boat under the direction of Dr. Whitney King of Colby's Biology Department. It cost BLA \$12,000 to fund these students. (Those interested in learning more about Gloeotrichia can visit: <http://www.colby.edu/enviro/initiatives/Gloeotrichia>)
- Water Quality. BLA continues to monitor water quality in Great and Long ponds every 2 weeks all summer and reports results to the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring program.
- Invasive Plants. BLA supported 1,388 hours of inspections on the public boat ramps of Great and Long ponds; 1176 of these were paid hours which cost the BLA \$8,469. Total inspections for both ponds totaled 3,794.
- Erosion Control. We contributed \$3,000 to the Conservation Corps to correct storm water runoff sites and eroding shorelines.
- Land Preservation. We continue to support maintenance of The Mountain, preserved land in Rome which BLA donated to the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance. The association has 2 representatives who sit on BRCA's Board of Directors.

We warmly thank all Belgrade residents who supported BLA by buying Raffle tickets this year. We are also especially grateful to 2 Belgrade businesses, the Hammond Lumber Company and Belgrade Canoe and Kayak, for their generous donations of a Shoremaster Dock and an Old Town Kayak to the Raffle.

Maggie Shannon



# BRCA Milfoil Committee Report

Thank you, Belgrade, for your continued support of the Milfoil Committee's work to prevent further damage to the lakes from invasive aquatic plants.

With your help, the Milfoil Committee accomplished more in 2005 than ever before. Courtesy Boat Inspections took place at every public ramp for the 100 day season between Memorial Day and Labor Day, creating a total of 6,954 boat inspections on all the Belgrades. This number is a 64% increase over 2004 and represents 18% of all inspections done in Maine this past summer. We believe the ramp coverage we have provided over the past 4 summers has gotten the word out to boaters and is responsible for preventing the infestations of variable leaf milfoil in Messalonskee Lake from spreading to nearby ponds.

Here are this year's inspection numbers for lakes in Belgrade's jurisdiction:

Great Pond .....	2,361
Long Pond .....	1,433
Messalonskee Lake .....	1,775
Salmon Lake .....	128
Total .....	5,697

As in past years, the Committee also surveyed the high risk areas of all lakes and the Belgrade Stream above Wings Mill Dam for the 11 target species of invasive plants. None were found. This is an all-volunteer effort involving trained plant spotters and takes about 225 hours to accomplish.

We wish these efforts weren't necessary, but since they are, the Milfoil Committee strives to insure that Belgrade remains healthy and inviting for citizens and visitors today and for generations to come.

We couldn't do the work without your help, and we thank you.

Maggie Shannon, Chair

Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance Milfoil Committee

(Composed of: Belgrade Lakes Association, East Pond Association, McGrath Pond/Salmon Lake Association, North Pond Association, Snow Pond/Messalonskee Lake Association)



# Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group

The year 2005 was an exciting year for your Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group. 2005, was our first full year operating as a single organization having successfully merged two older organizations, Belgrade Lakes Region, Inc and the Belgrade Lakes 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 the 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; a true summer fest that offers rides, a parade, tons of local activities, including craft activities, a frog jumping contest, antique boat parade, chicken barbeque and is topped off with our special 4th of July fireworks display.

The 2005 Winter Carnival, offered fabulous fun in the snow with sleigh rides, snow shoe races, snow scrupling, bon-fires and of course a hand ice Auger contest.

Our annual Christmas Stroll was greatly expanded this year offering a unique and fun way to kick off the Christmas season with strolling carolers, luminaries, chats with Santa, a stroll throughout the village gift shops, the lighting of the Village Christmas Tree, a live nativity scene, and horse drawn rides.

Our 2005 October Fest was rained out. We will continue to welcome fall, 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 1,400 visitors from 33 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.

We continued to update the Regions website and expanded our marketing activities to include a regional map highlighting exciting regional activities, access roads and highways as well as listing regional businesses. Our new Regional Map simply makes visiting The Belgrade Lakes region and more enjoyable stress free experience.

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.

In 2005, our fourteenth year in operation, we served 35 families. The total number of people represented in these 35 families is 102. Many of these families receive food once a month while others required our services once or twice.

The support and generosity of so many people and organizations enables us to provide the quality, quantity and good variety of food and household items that are distributed weekly to our needy families.

Six times a year, the Food Pantries in Kennebec and Somerset Counties receive food from the United States Department of Agriculture that is distributed through Kennebec Valley Community Action Program. We have renewed our membership with Good Shepherd Food Bank in Auburn. The matching grant from the Sandy River Trust Fund was offered again this year. The membership and grant are extremely beneficial to us. I must repeat again this year, without Good Shepherd Food Bank, we would not have the good variety of food, treats and household products that we offer our clients.

We have collection boxes at the Town Office, the Depot Post Office, Belgrade Lakes Post Office and at all the Churches. In addition to this there are several fund-raisers and food drives every year.

The Long Pond Literacy Club had a very successful fund-raiser on Make a Difference Day. Members raised money, collected food and had a fun time. We also benefit from the proceeds of their ongoing bottle drive.

On the day of the Christmas Stroll, Dr. Tim Comford conducted his yearly fund-raiser. On this day he dedicates his time and professional services to seeing patients whose contributions benefit the Food Pantry. We are grateful for his time and generosity and also for the generosity of his patients.

A donation from the Lions Club provides Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for our clients. Several residents of Belgrade donate dinners for Thanksgiving and also gifts and dinners for Christmas. This is so helpful at this special and busy time of year. Thank you for thinking of us every year. It is greatly appreciated by all of our clients.

The Faculty, Staff and Students at Belgrade Central School collected and donated 750 items during their fall food drive. Our shelves were very well stocked for the beginning of our busy winter and holiday season.

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.

We continue to receive support from the following:

North Belgrade Baptist Church  
Bible Church  
Old South Church  
Union Church  
St. Theresa's and St. Helena's Church  
Rome Baptist Church  
Belgrade Town Manager, Mark Turner  
Staff- Belgrade Town Office  
Town of Rome  
Long Pond Realty  
Belgrade Draggin' Masters  
(Snowmobile Club)  
Rome Ruff Ruders(Snowmobile Club)  
Marine Corps League Det. 599  
Girls Scouts and Brownie troops  
Augusta Emblem Club





**OUR LOYAL AND DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS ARE SO IMPORTANT TO OUR ORGANIZATION.** All are greatly appreciated and especially those who are in their eighties. Thank you Carolyn Alexander for all the hours that you volunteered, we miss you.

All of the above mentioned contribute to the success of the Food Pantry. These kind, 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 those that have supported our organization throughout the years.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if your friends, neighbors or acquaintances are in need of our services. You may call the Belgrade Town Office at 495-2258.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Marie Pulsifer, Chairperson

Pat Pow, Secretary

Reno Deschaine, Treasurer

Joan Tripp, Volunteer Coordinator

Barbara Smith, Publicity

Board Members

Jan Bourne

Maureen Maslak

Betty Weaver



# 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 school and in the summer, 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 a sculptress, 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 sculptures, paintings, and performances themselves.

The Trust helps fund field trips, support for which continues to be needed in these difficult budgetary times. Our students are able to visit such places as the Norlands, Sturbridge Village, University of Maine, Discovery Museum, 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  
Frank Fekete  
Linda Sprague



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## *Don C. Stevens Trust Expenditures and Proposed 2006 Budget*

	2005 proposed	2005 spent	2006 proposed
<b>General</b>			
Miscellaneous	\$500.00	0.00	\$500.00
<b>Art</b>			
Teacher Supplies	\$1000.00	\$963.21	\$1000.00
Laminator	\$500.00	\$490.00	\$ 500.00
Ellison Letter Machine	\$800.00	\$871.50	\$1000.00
<b>Enrichment</b>			
PCAC	\$6400.00	\$6471.00	\$6500.00
Technology Resource	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Art Enrichment	\$1500.00	\$1089.65	\$1500.00
<b>Math/Science</b>			
Materials	\$300.00	\$296.05	\$500.00
Field Trips	\$2000.00	\$2069.00	\$2200.00
<b>Reading/Writing</b>			
Reference	\$500.00	\$370.00	\$500.00
Library	\$1500.00	\$1050.00	\$1500.00
Supplemental	\$2000.00	\$1375.73	\$2000.00
Book Awards	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Pride Books	\$400.00	\$114.54	\$400.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$18,000.00</b>	<b>\$15,760.68</b>	<b>\$18,700.00</b>



# The Robert A. Guptill Historical Trust Fund

Robert Alonzo Guptill served as the Belgrade historian for many years. He was an advocate of education, believing that the knowledge of history is essential to the understanding of 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 2005 school year, the Robert A Guptill Historical Fund was used for a Gr. 2 field trip to Old Fort Western, as well as 100% Educational Videos and a deposit for Gr. 5 to Old Sturbridge Village. The committee will meet in the spring to review additional requests, field trips, and programs that meet the criteria established by the Guptill Historical Trust Fund.

## *Interest and Disbursements of the 2004 Year*

December 2004	Ending Balance	\$2,564.69
Deposit 1/20/05	Deposit- Annual Interest	+ 325.00
Gr 2 Field Trip	Old Fort Western	- 219.05
	100% Educ. Videos	- 110.50
	Gr 5 Field Trip Deposit Old Sturbridge Village	- 50.00
Deposit 12/23/05	Deposit- Annual Interest	<u>+ 295.00</u>
		\$2,805.14

*Respectfully submitted,*

Jennifer Haney, Principal  
Belgrade Central School



# Tree Warden Report

This year seemed to be the year of removals in our quiet forested community. Some majestic (and not so majestic!) trees needed to be removed due to their hazardous conditions. There were also a couple of cases where, perhaps, trees that did not necessarily have to be removed were taken down. This situation inspired a move towards improved communication and cooperation among town officials in making decisions about tree removal in town.

One of the goals as the Town Tree Warden has been to try and work collaboratively with town residents and volunteer community boards in Belgrade in order to find the balance of what needs to be removed, what needs to be pruned and where can we plant. For the most part, and especially for town residents, this has worked very well. We have been fortunate to have received two grants in previous years that helped develop a comprehensive plan for hazardous tree removals and followed up on those removals. This planning and being proactive truly is a cost saver to the Town of Belgrade. As mentioned previously, a strengthened collaboration among town officials and the Tree Warden has also developed to help

foster a more unified approach to tree removal decisions. This will serve to provide for overall better management of our tree resources on public property.

It is the hope and goal for the coming year, 2006, that a small but collaborative group of town residents can join together to form the Belgrade Tree Board. By forming the Belgrade Tree Board, perhaps there could be a more consolidated effort between volunteer community boards, the Select Board and this group so that we can work together to manage the town trees in a positive, collective and collaborative manner.

*think trees!*

tish carr



# Belgrade Draggin' Masters Snowmobile Club

My report this year will, no doubt, be short as there is not too much to update townspeople on—we had great fun this past year for our Club's family members at what appears to be an annual event of the Club cookout. It was held at Rat Mill Pond with many members and family in attendance—hamburgers, hot dogs, marshmallows, milk, coffee, and soft drinks—it's a chance for our hard-working volunteers to relax and enjoy social time with one another. We look forward to March 11, 2006 for our cookout this year.

We, of course, make repairs to our trails, do signing, and dragging when the ground is frozen and there is snow needing grooming—so far (December 17, 2005), we have not done any dragging due to lack of snow and ground conditions.

I personally wish to thank all the hard-working Club members. On behalf of the Club we wish to thank all landowners with a spaghetti supper, and we encourage all landowners and their family members to attend the supper this year on April 8, 2006. We are open to discussing any matter you might wish to present at this time. However, should any problems/abuse happen during the season, feel free to contact me at (207) 495-3445. I will contact a Club member (or myself) and will see that immediate attention is given to your concerns.

Again, thanks to all townspeople for your continued support—happy trails/riding to all.

*Sincerely,*

Llewellyn A. Ashland



# 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 2005. 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 Health Center and have sponsored the Belgrade Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop, and Fire Victims.

As always, we look forward to serving the Belgrade community again in 2006 in anyway possible.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Belgrade Lions Club



# A Letter From Your State Representative

## *Where Do We Go From Here?*

Economics 100 once centered on a simple formula - "guns or butter." The theory was that there was only a limited amount of money to go around. In times of war, domestic spending suffered; in times of peace, military spending suffered.

Oh for such a simple formula in today's world!

The fact is that decades of gluttonous spending at the national, state and local levels is coming home to roost. As the State at the end of the national food chain, Maine is due for an overhaul.

Here are a few of my short-term hopes for the future of Maine:

- Strip many of the mandates out of the health insurance law, making them "options." Open the insurance market to competition and wave goodbye to insurance monopolies that artificially inflate premiums.
- Phase out over twenty years the BETR reimbursement program for personal property taxes paid by business and industry on their equipment. This will encourage business to invest in capital equipment and will provide new jobs in Maine.
- Continue to shift economic development dollars toward building an environment in which small business is encouraged, supported and unshackled from government intrusion. Make "Growth from Within" the watchword of a new Maine economy.
- Build a recreational industry in Maine that respects the rights of landowners but offers opportunity for a decent living for those outfitters and food and lodging folks who now depend on a fickle national economy.
- Stop fighting with each other and begin to work together.

It has been my great privilege to serve the people of Belgrade. I have learned a great deal about the issues that you face daily and have done my best to balance your interests.

Thank you for your trust and support.

**Rep. Stan Moody**

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Manchester, ME 04351

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# A Letter From Your State Senator

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to represent your interests in Augusta. You have entrusted me with a great responsibility and I will continue to work diligently to make your voices heard.

The Legislature adjourned on June 18th after several months of deliberating on a number of issues. We started early January with the appointment of a Joint Select Committee on Taxation which debated a comprehensive tax package (LD1) aimed at providing property tax relief that would be equitable for all Maine citizens. In March, the Part 1 budget was debated which proposed borrowing \$447 million to cover current services. Despite the borrowing component and my opposition to the plan, it passed both the House and the Senate. The session finished up with the passage of the Part II budget and another piece of legislation commonly referred to as "Part III." Part III was introduced to replace the borrowing piece of the Part I budget. It cut approximately \$125 million in spending and doubled the cigarette tax to \$2 per pack. It narrowly passed both the House and the Senate. Many in the Legislature felt the bill should have included more spending reductions and fewer tax increases, but we were nonetheless pleased that the borrowing component was removed.

Governor Baldacci called the Legislature into a Special Session in July to discuss bonds. A consensus was reached and the Legislature voted on an \$83 million bond package. Citizens were able to vote on a total of 5 separate bond questions with all but one of the questions receiving support from a majority of those who voted on November 8th.

The Second Regular Session of the 122nd

Legislature will convene in January 2006. As I travel throughout our beautiful State during my campaign to become Maine's next Governor, I am reminded that the residents of our district share the concerns of most Mainers. We will address a variety of policy issues including new methods of determining the state budget, MaineCare payments to hospitals, taxes on hospitals and nursing homes, sex offender laws, eminent domain and another comprehensive tax reform package. I am looking forward to the challenges ahead and will continue to make your voices heard as we debate these issues and all other issues that are important to the residents of my district.

One of the most rewarding aspects of my job is the opportunity to help my constituents. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you are having trouble navigating state bureaucracy or with other concerns.

*Sincerely,*

Chandler E Woodcock  
State Senator



# Belgrade Cemetery Committee Report

This has been a productive year for our cemeteries. The Cemetery Committee met monthly for the first time in at least three decades. The Agenda for each Committee meeting and a Report of the Meeting was provided the Town Manager and Board of Selectpersons for the first time ever. The Committee is trying to keep Town officials informed of its actions and needs of the cemeteries.

The monuments/stones on all veteran and perpetual care lots in Woodside Cemetery and Plan 1 of Pine Grove Cemetery were cleaned by a professional contractor. Broken/fallen monuments on 37 veteran and perpetual care lots in Woodside Cemetery and 17 in Plan 1 of Pine Grove Cemetery were repaired and straightened. Lilac trees and other similar trees that have been planted on graves and not cared for by lot owners hindered the restoration project because their roots had upset some monuments and, in several cases, had completely obscured the monuments. Whenever possible, we obtained the permission of lot owners or descendants to cut or pull the bushes. In other cases, we took it upon ourselves to remove the bushes so the stones could be cleaned and repaired. The floor in that area of the Old Town House that is used for storage of cemetery mowers, grass-trimmers, wheelbarrows and other equipment was rebuilt and strengthened. The walls in this room now hold the small tools used in cemetery maintenance. The battered and unsecured door to the equipment storage room was replaced by a fiberglass, lockable overhead door that is easy to operate and now makes the room secure. In the office portion of the building, charts showing the lots of Woodside and Pine Grove Cemeteries were framed, placed on the wall and flood-lighted so visitors could better locate graves they might be seeking. Charts of Ellis Pond and Quaker Cemeteries are in the process of being made and will be on the wall by next summer. Citizens wishing to learn the lot number and location of graves in our cemeteries can, for the first time, obtain the information from the Sexton, any member of the Cemetery Committee or at the Town

Office. All data is now in the Town computer system. Also, a person wishing to know whether a grave is covered by perpetual care or flowers in perpetuity can get an answer from any of the above sources.

Lightning struck the electrical service entrance on the Old Town House during a storm this past summer, destroying the meter box, the fuse panel and some internal wiring. The structure caught fire but the Sexton's crew and the Belgrade Fire Department extinguished the blaze, preventing serious damage to this historical building. A new electrical service entrance, circuit breaker panel and internal repair of wiring caused an unexpected expense but we now have an improved electrical layout.

The south perimeter road of Pine Grove Cemetery and several of the north-south roads connecting Route 135 and the south perimeter road were graveled and graded in 2005. Clifton and Verna Hammond donated the gravel for this project and David Stevens donated his time and the use of his truck to spread the gravel on the roads. We hope to lay gravel on the remaining north-south roads in 2006 as Clifton and Verna Hammond have again offered to donate enough crushed gravel to complete the project. Possibly, another of our Belgrade contractors will volunteer his time and use of a truck to spread the gravel for us.

The brush along the south perimeter road in Pine Grove Cemetery was cut by the Sexton and his crew to make it easier for vehicles to turn into or out of a north-south road. We had the help of the pre-release prisoners from the Hallowell facility in picking up and disposing of the brush. More cutting of brush is planned in the space between the graves in Woodside Cemetery and Route 135 in 2006. Four trees that were endangering monuments in our cemeteries were eliminated. Two oak trees that had broken the fence surrounding the Quaker Cemetery were cut so the fence could be mended and monuments protected from limbs. In Woodside Cemetery, two trees, one a large maple from which limbs had started to fall and the other a cedar, both of which were hollow, leaning and rotted, were cut to prevent damage to monuments should more limbs or the trees themselves fall.



A Cemetery Committee member, Carl Yeaton, examined cemetery records covering the years 1898 through 2005 to determine the amounts of money that had been paid for perpetual care of lots and for flowers in perpetuity to learn what the principal should be for those purposes in the Trust. In doing so, it was discovered that many postings of lot assignments had not been entered in the official

record books. In a number of cases, two and sometimes three people had been assigned the same lot. To correct these errors, the person who was the first to be assigned a lot was recorded as the owner and the others were assigned new lots.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

Belgrade Cemetery Committee

### ***Belated Report of Lot Assignments and Payments for Perpetual Care or Flowers in Perpetuity for Pine Grove Cemetery, 2002 Through 2005***

Year	Lot Owner	Paid	Lot Number	Payer
2002	Brann, Robert O.	\$200	P4-R7-L15	Robert Brann
	Luetlich, Scott	\$100	P4-R8-L16	Scott Luetlich
	Plaisted, David	\$200	P4-R7-L16	David Plaisted
2003	Barton, Thomas	\$200	P2-R7-L11	Thomas Barton
	*Barton, Thomas	\$200	P2-R7-L11	Thomas Barton
	Murray, Michael	\$400	P2-R2-L13	Michael Murray
	Rough, George	\$200	P2-R7-L12	George Rough
	Sawyer, Chester	\$200	P2-R10-L10	Floyd & Alice Damren
	Taylor, Donald	\$100	P1-R7-L15	Donald Taylor
	Barrett, Michael	\$200	P2-R7-L14	Michael Barrett
2004	Chamberlain, Richard	\$100	P2-R7-L10N2	Richard Chamberlain
	Dalton, Olive Jean	\$100	P1-R17-L7N1/2	Olive Jean Dalton
	*Endicott, William & Ralph E.	\$100	P3-R2-L10	Brenda Endicott
	*Wadleigh Geneva & Edwin	\$200	P3-R6-L21	Edwin Wadleigh
	*Yeaton, Floyd L.	\$100	P2-R5-L24	Maggie & Carl Yeaton
	*Yeaton, George	\$100	P1-R12-L15	Maggie & Carl Yeaton
	Bell, Charles	\$100	P4-R8-L15	Ann Bell
2005	Bickford, Paul & Jane	\$100	P3-R6A-L1	Jane Bickford
	Burgess, Eugene	\$100	P2-R7-L10	Eugene Burgess
	Burnham, Lyle, Jr.	\$100	P1-R5-L18	Lyle Burnham, Jr.
	Carter, Theresa	\$100	P3-R6A-L6(1/2)	Theresa Carter
	Frappier, George	\$100	P3-R6A-L6(1/2)	George Frappier
	Gardner, Finley	\$200	P4-R8-L17 and P4-R8-L18	Finley Gardner
	Gee, William & Marianne	\$200	P2-7-L9	William Gee
	Grover/Willey, Leo	\$100	P3-R4-L20	Leo Willey
	*Hawkes, Richard	\$400	P4-R3-L3	Hawkes Family
	Hewett, Raymond	\$200	P1-R7-L18	Raymond Hewett
	Hutchinson, Armand & Arline	\$200	P3-R4-L20	Arline Hutchinson
	Knight, Irvin	\$200	P2-R7-L10	Irvin Knight
	MacLean, Frank & Carol	\$200	P2-R7-L8	Frank MacLean
	McIntosh, Timothy	\$400	P2-R7-L9	Timothy McIntosh
	Nutter, Raymond	\$200	P2-R10-L15	Raymond Nutter
	Parent, Rachel	\$200	P4-R5-L19	Rachel Parent
	Pepin, Jean	\$100	P3-R6-L28	Pepin Family
	Pooler, Gerald & Anna	\$400	P2-R7-L15	Gerald Pooler
	Stevens, Dana & Connie	\$200	P2-R7-L8	Dana Stevens
	Urbanek, Michael	\$400	P1-R12-L20	Michael Urbanek
	Wadleigh, Bryce	\$200	P3-R6A-L9	Bryce Wadleigh
	Wilcox, John & Gail	\$200	P2-7-L3	John Wilcox
	Wyman, Jason	\$200	P4-R4-L18	Rachel Parent



# Town Clerk's Report

Births Recorded In 2005 .....	36
Marriages Recorded In 2005 .....	26
Deaths Recorded In 2005 .....	14

## *Deaths*

Carrigan, Teegan A	December 2, 2005	2 Years
Emmons, Dorothy J	May 7, 2005	80 Years
Farnham, Frank P	November 27, 2005	88 Years
Feldmus, Israel	May 6, 2005	53 Years
Gayer, John J.	December 31, 2005	61 Years
Kimball, Carlton H.	May 17, 2005	70 Years
Manning, Patrick J.F.	June 19, 2005	63 Years
Mayer, Edward A	December 18, 2005	94 Years
Moore, Nellie R	March 11, 2005	85 Years
Pepin, Jean P	October 24, 2005	71 Years
Redmond, Paul C	June 20, 2005	77 Years
Royce, Laura M	September 6, 2005	97 Years
Sliker, Joshua L	March 18, 2005	17 Years
Trask, Mildred W.	September 15, 2005	93 Years

## *Dog Licensing*

Licenses Issued .....	197	Kennel Licenses Issued .....	3
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## *Fish & Wildlife Licenses Issued*

Adult Hunt &		Junior Fish .....	6
Fish Combination .....	307	Junior Hunt .....	41
Adult Hunting .....	105	Migratory Waterfowl .....	37
Archery .....	51	Muzzle Loading Permit .....	40
Bear Permits .....	16	Pheasant Stamps .....	1
Coyote .....	3	Servicemen's Fish .....	06
Expanded Archery .....	11	Small Game .....	10
Fall Turkey .....	8	Supersport .....	4
Fishing .....	420	Total .....	1066



# Tax Collector's Report

## *2004 Unpaid Real Property Taxes as of December 31, 2005*

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Abena Realty Trust	301.95	Landry, Linda L	857.45
Alexander, Brian	362.93	Mace Everett	68.40
Baker, James H	266.29	Mace, Everett	50.00
Berube, Gerard	820.82	Maine Central Railroad	583.82
Bickford, Thomas	923.21	Maine Central Railroad	266.29
Borssen, Arne	1306.32	Markham, Janice	1685.80
Breton, Forest	181.15	Morrow, Anita C	2229.90
Carpenter, Dana	2475.22	Morrow, Christopher	941.62
Carpenter, Dana	182.30	Morrow, Eugene B	431.96
Childs, Kathleen	572.32	Morrow, Eugene B	133.98
Cochran, Marion	465.32	Pelletier, Roger	872.41
Conant, Douglas	717.09	Raynes, David	2031.13
Cook, Kenneth H	1295.79	Sawyer, Carroll	84.33
Crawford, Lois-Anne	2323.17	Sawyer, Carroll	424.87
Danforth, Veronica	547.00	Sawyer, Carroll	966.75
Davis, Jeffrey	612.40	Serio, Frank	2433.62
Davis, Robert	415.01	Stevens, Ormand	698.87
Desimone, Michael	275.49	Stevens, Ormand	53.45
Flanagan, Bartlett	3559.76	Sturk, Suzette	3986.95
French, Gail & Frederick	714.98	Tompkins, Doray D	356.99
French, Helen	681.61	Vieta, Sara J	323.81
Grant, Jeffrey	557.36	Webster, Jamison	176.55
Green, Wayne	263.99	Wood, Harvey	1651.47
Guimond, Tammy	706.73		
Johnson, Everett	675.86	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43,860.16</b>
Kenney, Cindy	345.67		

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



## *2005 Unpaid Real Property Taxes as of December 31, 2005*

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Abena Realty Trust	260.11	Cook, Kenneth H	1228.47
AKJ Associates	2545.89	Crawford, Lois-Anne	2143.90
Alexander, Brian	212.82	Crommett, Craig L	1254.36
Allain, Jennifer	274.74	Crosby, Donald L	1185.68
Amik Realty LLC	7197.39	D'ippolito, Maria	258.98
Ashland, Brian	429.01	Daku, Jacob G	1020.16
Bainter, Wayne	1148.52	Damren, Richard & Mayna	92.33
Baker, James H	225.20	Damren, Susan	1043.80
Barnett, Leo E	351.31	Danforth, Veronica	426.76
Barnett, Leo E	340.05	Davis, Jeffrey	492.06
Berry, Mark W	6411.44	Davis, Robert W	462.79
Berube, Gerard	700.37	Desimone, Michael	234.21
Bickford, Thomas	800.59	Dexter, Patrick V	1362.46
Bond, Lori & Patrick	2544.76	Dolak, Robert A	289.38
Bonneface, Darlene	1164.28	Dolak, Robert A	1066.32
Bonneface, Darlene	153.14	Dostie, Florian	2473.82
Borssen, Arne	1175.54	Eaton, Charles Jr	197.30
Borssen, Sten	1345.57	Edgecomb, Patricia	15.76
Breton, Forest	141.88	Ellis, Kimberly	717.28
Buck, Patricia	1518.98	Feder, William	2396.13
Buck, Patricia	897.42	Finley, Martin S	601.28
Bureau, Kenneth E	1900.69	Flanagan, Bartlett	3439.93
Burgess, Leon D	658.41	Flannery, Niomi	1049.43
Burton, Terry A	1449.16	Frappier, George	1039.30
Caracciolo, Diane	2932.10	Frappier, David	124.99
Carpenter, Dana	2387.12	French, Gail & Frederick	596.78
Carpenter, Dana	143.00	French, Helen	631.69
Childs, Kathleen	457.16	French, Frederick	131.74
Ciforelli, Robert	1672.11	Gagnon, Charles	106.97
Clewley, Timothy	1175.54	Gee, Carol	1220.58
Clewley, Vicki	3230.50	Gildred, Maxine M	1205.95
Cochran, Marion	420.00	Gould, Roger	2270.02
Collicut, Roy S	1238.60	Gould, Roger	186.92
Conant, Douglass	586.65	Granite Post Properties	1777.96



Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Grant, Jeffrey	435.76	Lavenson, Joel	130.62
Grant, Shawn	517.96	Lavenson, Joel	2646.10
Grant, Shawn	2039.19	Lavenson, Joel	1395.12
Grant, Shawn A	34.91	Lee, Jeffrey	1866.91
Green, Wayne	217.32	Lee, Jeffrey	1077.58
Guimond, Tammy	707.13	Leonhardt, Robert	3643.74
Hafford, Robert K	1654.10	Lewis, Don M II	2468.19
Hamilton, Kenneth	877.16	Libby, Cecile	2149.54
Hanson, Jennifer	264.61	Libby, Keith M	917.69
Hart, Jason	1981.76	Little, Rosemarie	718.39
Harvey, Jane L	225.20	Mace, Everett	33.78
Hauf, Robert C	1639.46	Mace, Everett	13.51
Healy, Anne C	915.44	Magoon, Thomas	850.10
Healy, Francis P	725.18	Maine Central Railroad	535.98
Hooper, Lucretia	694.74	Maine Central Railroad	225.20
Hovenanian, Gerald	67.56	Mare, Lawrence P	1856.03
Hovenanian, Gerald	569.76	Markham, Janice	1610.18
Howe, Michael	1309.54	Marshall, Gilbert	63.06
Hoyt, Bonnie A	1536.66	McCray, Keith A & Donna	3783.36
Hunt, Bob	1113.62	McPhetres, Joyce	319.78
Johnson, Christopher	1731.79	Medeiros, Darlene	1218.33
Johnson, Everett	558.50	Megill, John Heirs	361.45
Jones, Abigail H	984.12	Megill, Mark	147.66
Kennebec Camps	10266.87	Merrow, Anita C	3344.22
Kenney, Cindy	295.01	Merrow, Christopher	818.60
Ketch, Edward L Jr	914.31	Merrow, Eugene B	1027.78
Kinney, Kevin C	1299.40	Merrow, Eugene B	225.20
Klein, Robert	1182.30	Merrow, Eugene B	95.71
Knox-Voina, Jane	898.55	Michaud, Shawn	264.61
Lachance, Richard	1426.64	Mitchell, Karen F	596.78
Lambert, Dawn & Shirley, Tammy	1407.50	Modern Homes Inc	30.40
Landry, Linda L	799.46	Modern Homes Inc	28.15
Languet, Albert H	1442.41	Murray, Dorothy S	1172.17
Lathrop, James Jr	225.20	Mushero, Paul J	2584.17
Lavallee, Ronald	2060.58	Neil, Craig D	431.26
Lavallee, Ronald	847.88	Nickless, Chad	1291.52

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



Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Nilson, Rhonda L	621.55	Spaulding, Loyal	1640.58
Nilson, Rhonda L	832.12	Stevens, Ormand	581.02
Noonan, Dori	272.28	Stevens, Ormand	16.89
O'Halloran Family Trust	404.24	Stevens, Patrick	765.68
O'Leary, Julia	2568.41	Stevens, Keith	239.84
Olha, William R	542.73	Stilphen, Arthur	2190.07
Page, Richard	287.13	Stilphen, Arthur	289.38
Palange, Helen F	3036.82	Stoops, Jessica	2592.05
Partridge, Edward	3103.26	Strohmeyer, Lawrence	2383.74
Partridge, Gerald	2295.92	Stuart, Charles	1620.32
Pelletier, Roger	814.10	Sturk, Suzette	3748.46
Pepin, Robin L	1398.49	Terhune, Susan	1591.97
Pepper, David	485.31	The Julia A Ellis Trust	266.86
Pepper, David	127.24	The Julia A Ellis Trust	2425.40
Pepper, David	395.23	Theriault, Daniel	1065.20
Pepper, David	1213.83	Tibbetts, Peter A	305.15
Pinkham, Catherine	460.54	Tompkins, Doray	310.78
Pray Edna Realty	738.66	Tripp, Marjorie	212.82
Provandie, Paul H	2002.03	Tukey, Colleen	315.01
Rathbun, Linda	3575.05	Vieta, Sara J	297.26
Raynes, David	1952.48	Vieta, Sara J	277.00
Rice, Ernest	717.26	Vintinner, Ralph	72.27
Richards, Jordan	1015.07	Webster, John G & Sandra	2263.26
Riley, Charles	508.95	Webster, Jamison	137.37
Ruben, Kenneth E	3484.97	Willey, Cecil	560.75
Rycroft, Donald J	1846.64	Willis, Michael E	246.60
Sandgren, Carl	351.50	Wilson Robert W	945.84
Saucier, James	2319.56	Wilson, Harvey & Joyce	1580.90
Sawyer, Carroll	42.79	Wright, Chester D	520.21
Sawyer, Carroll	376.08	Young, Gwendolyn	16.89
Sawyer, Carroll	838.87	Zambelli, Stephen	1567.39
Seifert, Betty L	462.79	Zozula, Robert B	3459.07
Serio, Frank	2252.00		
Shirley & Lambert	1994.15	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>244,910.03</b>
Somes, Vicki	945.84		
Spaulding, Loyal	1497.58		



# Auditor's Report

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Certified Public Accountant

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Belgrade  
Belgrade, Maine

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the government, including the major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Belgrade, Maine, and for the year ended in 2005, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Belgrade, Maine's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

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

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material aspects, the respective financial position of the governmental agencies, the major fund, and the remaining fund information of the Town of Belgrade, Maine as of December 31, 2005, and the respective changes in financial position, where applicable, thereof for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis and supplementary nonfinancial information are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiry of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, I did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.



January 11, 2006



Schedule C-1  
 TOWN OF BELGRADE, MARYLAND  
 STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS  
 DECEMBER 31, 2004

		GOVERNMENTAL
		APRIL 1, 2004
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$	179,121
Cash - non-current		140,472
Receivables:		
Taxes		107,551
Grants		58,119
Others		19,128
Total Current Assets		1,494,171
Noncurrent Assets:		
Capital assets net		7,109,652
Total Assets		9,103,823
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable		49,471
Due to trust fund		5,000
Total Current Liabilities		54,471
Total Liabilities		54,471
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Invested in capital assets:		
net of related debt		7,109,612
Unrestricted		149,322
Unassigned		1,795,476
Total net assets	\$	<u>9,103,820</u>



Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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



TOWN OF BELGRADE, NORTH  
Balance Sheet  
Governmental Fund  
December 31, 2005

		General Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash	(	1,114,021	1,114,021
Receivables			
Taxes		302,981	302,981
Licenses		58,519	58,519
Accounts		10,388	10,388
	Total Assets	<u>1,491,910</u>	<u>1,491,910</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable		40,490	40,490
Due to other funds		5,000	5,000
Deferred property taxes		282,100	282,100
	Total Liabilities	<u>327,590</u>	<u>327,590</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Fund balances			
Reserved:			
Capital purchases		340,000	340,000
Unreserved:			
Designated for subsequent years			
Revenues		52,501	52,501
Expenditures		41,884	41,884
Undesignated		710,510	710,510
	Total Fund Equity	<u>1,164,320</u>	<u>1,164,320</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$	<u>1,491,910</u>	<u>\$ 1,491,910</u>

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

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	1,609,662
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.	282,100
Net assets of governmental activities	<u>\$ 3,049,580</u>



**TOWN OF BELGRADE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**Statement of Revenue and Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**(Continued) (Table)**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2005**

		General Fund		Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Taxes	\$	1,268,124.35	\$	1,268,124.35
Grants from Federal		17,324.77		17,324.77
Grants from State/Local		14,324.77		14,324.77
Interest		17,110.00		17,110.00
Investment Income		15,000.00		15,000.00
Total Revenues		1,331,889.92		1,331,889.92
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Salaries		217,434.00		217,434.00
Employee Benefits		131,400.00		131,400.00
Travel		137,324.00		137,324.00
Telephone and Communications		207,500.00		207,500.00
Contract Services		147,324.00		147,324.00
Capital Expenditures		30,000.00		30,000.00
Special Assessments		1,120,000.00		1,120,000.00
Depreciation		10,000.00		10,000.00
Other Miscellaneous		22,500.00		22,500.00
Total Expenditures		1,993,488.00		1,993,488.00
<b>REVENUE EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)</b>				
Excess Expenditures		(661,598.08)		(661,598.08)
<b>Other Changes in Fund Balances</b>				
Transfers from Other Funds		17,000.00	277,500.00	294,500.00
Transfers from Other Funds Received		137,000.00	175,000.00	312,000.00
<b>Effect of Governmental Fund Expenditures and Other Financing Sources/Uses</b>		254,000.00	452,500.00	706,500.00
<b>Fund Balance - Beginning</b>		677,000.00	275,000.00	952,000.00
<b>Fund Balance - December 31</b>	\$	1,031,000.00	\$	1,031,000.00



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STATEMENT OF  
TOWN OF BELGRADE FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS OF THE TOWN OF  
BELGRADE, BELGRADE, ONTARIO  
December 31, 2004

	2004	2003
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
Accounts receivable	1,000,000	1,000,000
Due from Ontario, Ltd.	5,000	5,000
	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
Due to Ontario, Ltd.	1,000,000	1,000,000
	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000



Statement 7  
TOWN OF BELGRADE, MISS  
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets  
December 31, 2004

		Private Pension Trust Fund
<b>Additions:</b>		
Investment Income	\$	91,467
Contributions		5,200
<b>Total Additions</b>		<b>96,667</b>
<b>Deductions:</b>		
Transfers to general fund		78,770
<b>Total Deductions</b>		<b>78,770</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>		<b>(22,103)</b>
Net Assets - January 1		910,514
Net Assets - December 31	\$	<u><b>888,411</b></u>



## Schedule 1

**TOWN OF BELGRADE, MICHIGAN**  
**Budget Comparison Schedule**  
**General Fund**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2005**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Total Budget positive (negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:	\$	\$	\$	\$
Taxes	5,195,545	5,198,565	5,286,455	86,890
Intergovernmental	155,454	157,121	155,515	1,666
Interest			45,000	45,000
Charges for services	75,750	75,750	164,155	88,405
Miscellaneous			25,000	25,000
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>5,426,749</b>	<b>5,431,436</b>	<b>5,694,125</b>	<b>262,689</b>
Expenditures:				
Capital				
General government	295,213	295,213	295,455	24,242
Public safety	221,717	221,717	195,211	26,506
Public works	422,474	428,645	619,175	190,530
Health and sanitation	253,044	253,555	219,817	33,737
Culture and recreation	151,159	152,355	136,415	15,940
Social services	25,000	25,000	32,323	7,323
Special assignments	4,127,100	4,127,100	4,601,357	474,257
Unallocated	76,791	76,791	43,452	33,339
Debt service	78,144	86,144	95,580	17,436
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>5,477,937</b>	<b>5,985,614</b>	<b>6,049,722</b>	<b>564,107</b>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(51,188)	(154,178)	(154,597)	(154,597)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating Transfers In	71,434	71,434	351,325	280,191
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>71,434</b>	<b>71,434</b>	<b>351,325</b>	<b>280,191</b>
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(19,754)	(82,744)	196,674	610,715
Fund Balance January 1	860,614	860,614	860,614	-
Fund Balance December 31	<u>\$ 547,300</u>	<u>\$ 540,777</u>	<u>\$ 1,157,415</u>	<u>\$ 610,715</u>



# Annual Property Tax Mil Rate Calculation

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

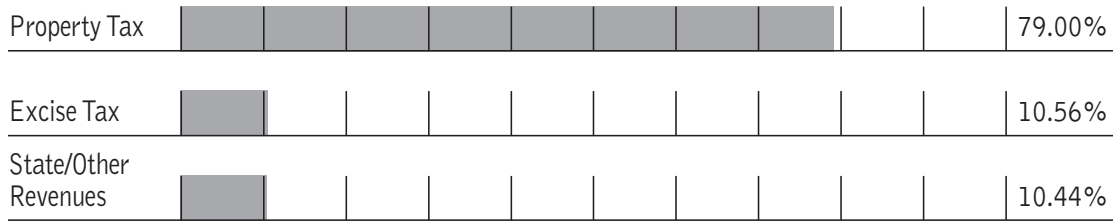
## *2005 Property Tax Calculations*

2005 Municipal Property Valuation	=	\$ 415,141,150
Total Revenues Required (School/Municipal/County)	=	\$ 5,898,319
Total Non-property Tax Revenues	=	\$ 1,242,734
\$ 5,898,319 – \$ 1,242,734	=	\$ 4,655,585 (Net Raised Through Taxation)
\$ 4,655,585 + \$ 18,904 (Overlay)	=	\$ 4,674,489 Commitment
\$ 4,674,489 ÷ \$ 415,141,150	=	<b>.01126 Mil Rate</b>
		(\$11.26 per \$1,000 of Valuation)



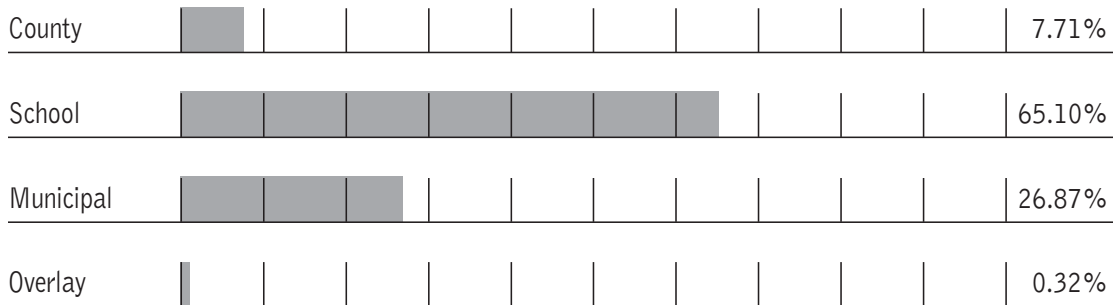
# \$\$ The Town's Money \$\$

## *Where It Comes From*

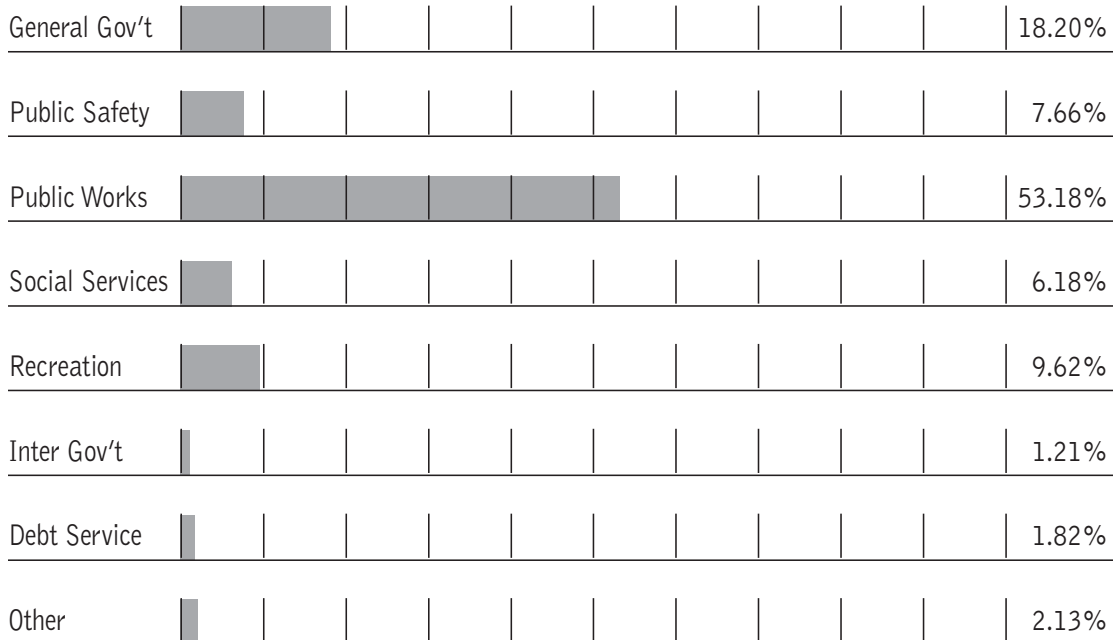


## *Where It Went in 2004*

### Analysis of Total Budget by Percentage



### Analysis of Municipal Budget by Percentage



# Treasurer's Cash Report

Cash Balance, January 1, 2005 .....811,130.45  
+ 12-31-04 adjustment .....1,000.00

## Receipts:

Prior Years Property Taxes.....184,129.20  
Tax Liens .....114,363.28  
Accounts Receivable (bd ck \$71.68) .....1,790.38  
State Licenses and Registrations (5.00 Refunded) .....335,626.09  
Prepaid Property Taxes 2006 .....217.15  
2005 Property and Excise Taxes (8165.29/231.25 Refunded) .....5,021,205.69  
Licenses, Penalties and Fees (395.75 Refunded) .....84,505.77  
State & Local Governments (A/R 1981.90) .....267,602.48  
Recycling and Waste (57.00 Bad Check) .....10,754.75  
Unclassified (751.40 Refunded) .....94,530.55  
Reserves & Trust Funds .....75,742.42  
Due to Other Funds .....5,000.00  
Due from Other Funds .....2020.24

Total Receipts .....6,197,488.00

Total Available in 2004 .....7,009,618.45

## Disbursements:

State Licenses and Registrations .....330,535.77  
Net Payroll Deductions .....11,458.50  
Accounts Payable - Expenses .....5,080.38  
Transfers - Due to Other Funds .....0.00  
Refunds .....9,548.69  
Recoverable Expenses .....-305.48  
General Government .....274,974.78  
Public Safety .....114,215.22  
Public Works .....604,877.15  
Solid Waste .....218,824.82  
Social Services .....99,580.05  
Recreation .....134,083.50  
Special Assessment .....4,308,396.52  
Inter-Government .....12,576.10  
Debt Service .....32,322.88  
Unclassified .....14,305.00  
Trust Funds .....69,462.90

Total Disbursements .....6,239,936.78

Cash Balance, December 31, 2004 .....769,681.67



# Treasurer's Budgetary Report

## *Expenditures*

Area of Expenditure	Appropriation	Designated from 2004	Actual 2005	Lapse
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
Board of Selectpersons	7,405.00		7,164.96	240.04
Emergency Requirements	7,500.00		2,597.37	4,902.63
Administration (YE Adj +\$9.99)	195,353.00	1,500.00	188,383.84	8,469.16
Town Manager (YE Adj -\$2510.46)	52,678.00		55,890.24	-3,212.24
Assessing	20,200.00		19,774.92	425.08
Planning/Appeals Board	3,182.00	1,315.00	1,325.51	3,171.49
Growth Management	0.00	3,050.00	0.00	3,050.00
Hearings & Elections	3,050.00		2,338.41	711.59
<b>General Government Totals</b>	<b>289,368.00</b>	<b>5,865.00</b>	<b>277,475.25</b>	<b>17,757.75</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>				
Constable/Civil Emergency	1,570.00		211.95	1,358.05
Fire Department (YE Adj-\$4941.15)	50,209.00		49,935.84	273.16
Rescue Squad	24,488.00		25,165.33	-677.33
Code Enforcement	12,070.00		10,871.24	1,198.76
Street Lighting	8,400.00		7,972.01	427.99
To Fire Dept Capital Reserve	25,000.00		25,000.00	0.00
<b>Public Safety Totals</b>	<b>121,737.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>119,156.37</b>	<b>2,580.63</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>				
Road, General Maintenance (YE Adj-\$8081.49)	128,430.00		118,801.35	9,628.65 *
Road, Paving	166,960.00	17,440.00	187,852.06	-3,452.06 *
Road, Plowing & Sanding	283,325.00	9,563.00	291,403.78	1,484.22
Landfill Closure	6,400.00		5,200.00	1,200.00
Facility Maintenance Support	10,556.00		9,701.45	854.55
Solid Waste Management (YE Adj-\$1045.58)	249,899.00	3,500.00	219,870.40	33,528.60 **
<b>Public Works Totals</b>	<b>845,570.00</b>	<b>30,503.00</b>	<b>832,829.04</b>	<b>43,243.96</b>
* Paid to the General Maintenance & Paving Capital Reserve				
**Paid to the Solid Waste Capital Reserve Net of Carry Forward of \$3,500				
<b>SOCIAL SERVICES</b>				
Health Officer	450.00		450.00	0.00
Town Historian	300.00		300.00	0.00
Animal Control	6,181.00		3,775.80	2,405.20
Memorial Day Ceremony	150.00		150.00	0.00
Donations	18,651.00		18,651.20	-0.20
Cemeteries	66,112.00		62,443.73	3,668.27
General Assistance	6,500.00		13,809.32	-7,309.32
<b>Social Services Totals</b>	<b>98,344.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>99,580.05</b>	<b>-1,236.05</b>



Area of Expenditure	Appropriation	Designated from 2004	Actual 2005	Lapse
<b>RECREATION</b>				
Recreation Facilities	4,755.00		3,597.12	1,157.88*
Center for All Seasons (YE Adj-\$1449.04)	73,928.00		59,739.51	14,188.49*
Center Improvements (Article 69)	4000.00		3679.35	320.65
North Belgrade Community Center	3,033.00		1,919.00	1,114.00
Library	27,900.00	500.00	28,945.43	-545.43
Recreation Programs	39,243.00		37,652.13	1,590.87*
<b>Recreation Totals</b>	<b>152,859.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>135,532.54</b>	<b>17,826.46</b>
*Paid to the Recreation Capital Reserve				
<b>SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS</b>				
MSAD #47	3,852,012.00		3,852,012.12	-0.12
Kennebec County	456,384.00		456,384.40	-0.40
Overlay	18,904.00		0.00	18,904.00
<b>Special Assessments Totals</b>	<b>4,327,300.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,308,396.52</b>	<b>18,903.48</b>
<b>INTER-GOVERNMENT</b>				
Dams	10,000.00	23,746.00	3,326.10	30,419.90
Belgrade Lakes Alliance	9,250.00		9,250.00	0.00
<b>Inter-Government Totals</b>	<b>19,250.00</b>	<b>23,746.00</b>	<b>12,576.10</b>	<b>30,419.90</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>				
TAN Interest	29,000.00		32,322.88	-3,322.88
<b>Debt Service Totals</b>	<b>29,000.00</b>		<b>32,322.88</b>	<b>-3,322.88</b>
<b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>				
Workers & Unemployment Compensation	15,000.00		14,305.00	695.00
<b>Unclassified Totals</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>		<b>14,305.00</b>	<b>695.00</b>
<b>TRUST FUNDS</b>				
DC Stevens Enrichment Fund	18,000.00		15,525.47	2,474.53
DC Stevens Scholarship Trust	55.00		55.00	0.00
Scholarship/Town Portion	445.00		445.00	0.00
R.A. Guptill Historical Trust	295.00		295.00	0.00
<b>Trust Funds Totals</b>	<b>18,795.00</b>		<b>16,320.47</b>	<b>2,474.53</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>5,917,223.00</b>	<b>60,614.00</b>	<b>5,848,494.22</b>	<b>129,342.78**</b>
Total Paid To Reserves*	53,142.43			
Total Carry Forwards	41,884.00			
Total To Surplus	34,316.35			
Total Lapse**	129,342.78			



## *Revenues*

Area of Revenue	Appropriations	Designated from 2004	Actual 2005	Lapse
<b>PROPERTY &amp; EXCISE TAX REVENUE</b>				
2005 Real & Personal Tax				
(477.21 Prepay '04)	4,620,585.00		4,338,279.43	-282,305.57 *
Homestead Act	53,904.00		42,482.00	-11,422.00 *
Supplemental(A/R-12,383.21)	0.00		19,430.21	19,430.21
Abatements	0.00		-17,598.56	-17,598.56
Vehicle Excise	545,000.00		624,761.86	79,761.86
Boat Excise Tax	17,000.00		18,308.50	1,308.50
<b>Property &amp; Excise Tax Totals</b>	<b>5,236,489.00</b>		<b>5,025,663.44</b>	<b>-210,825.56</b>
<b>LICENSES, PENALTIES &amp; FEES</b>				
Interest on Taxes	16,000.00		20,969.17	4,969.17
Town Fee/Vital Statistics	17,500.00		20,198.70	2,698.70
Licenses & Permit Fees	5,000.00		17,310.60	12,310.60
Town Ordinances	0.00		442.00	442.00
Cable Franchise Fees	0.00		25,180.55	25,180.55
<b>Licenses Penalties &amp; Fees Totals</b>	<b>38,500.00</b>		<b>84,101.02</b>	<b>45,601.02</b>
<b>STATE &amp; LOCAL GOVERNMENTS</b>				
Municipal Revenue Sharing	185,000.00		197,175.13	12,175.13 **
Local Road Assistance	50,500.00		52,321.00	1,821.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	12,000.00		6,527.00	-5,473.00
General Assistance Reimbursement	3,250.00		6,897.90	3,647.90
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	1,400.00		1,225.00	-175.00
State Grants/Other Funds	1,000.00		1,207.41	207.41
Town of Rome	2,700.00		2,700.00	0.00
Town of Oakland	1,700.00		1,700.00	0.00
<b>State &amp; Local Totals</b>	<b>257,550.00</b>		<b>269,753.44</b>	<b>12,203.44</b>
<b>RECYCLING &amp; WASTE</b>				
Waste Disposal Fees	0.00		3,078.98	3,078.98
Recycled Waste Sales	3,250.00		7,618.77	4,368.77
<b>Recycling &amp; Waste Totals</b>	<b>3,250.00</b>		<b>10,697.75</b>	<b>7,447.75</b>
<b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>				
Recreational Program Fees	50,000.00		49,656.17	-343.83
Library Fees	0.00		531.50	531.50
Animal Control	0.00		2,148.00	2,148.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00		1,912.81	1,912.81
Investment Income	0.00		39,500.47	39,500.47
<b>Unclassified Totals</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>		<b>93,748.95</b>	<b>43,748.95</b>



Area of Revenue	Appropriations	Designated from 2004	Actual 2005	Lapse
<b>RESERVES &amp; TRUST FUNDS</b>				
Community Capital Reserve	6,000.00		5,854.80	-145.20
R.A. Guptill Historical Trust	295.00		295.00	0.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	53,084.00		50,332.80	-2,751.20
D.C. Stevens Scholarship	55.00		55.00	0.00
D.C. Stevens Enrichment	18,000.00		15,525.47	-2,474.53
Recreation Capital Reserve	4,000.00		3,679.35	-320.65
<b>Reserve &amp; Trust Fund Totals</b>	<b>81,434.00</b>		<b>75,742.42</b>	<b>-5,691.58</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>				
Undesignated	250,000.00		250,000.00	0.00
<b>General Fund Totals</b>	<b>250,000.00</b>		<b>250,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>5,917,223.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,809,707.02</b>	<b>-107,515.98</b>
Total Lapse			-107,515.98	
Add:Accounts Receivable (*2005 Property Tax)			293,727.57	
Less: Designated Revenues (**Municipal Revenue Sharing)			-12,175.13	
Total To Surplus			174,036.46	



# Reserves and Trust Funds

## COMMUNITY CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1 .....	40,594.85
Add: Interest to 12-31-05 .....	1,200.96
Muni Prop Reval Reserve Close-out .....	1,194.96
Total Deposits .....	2395.92
Less: Due to General Fund .....	-5,854.80
Balance 12/31/05 .....	37,135.97

## MUNICIPAL PROPERTY REVALUATION RESERVE

Balance 1/1 .....	1,160.23
Add: Interest Earned .....	34.73
Less: Close to Community Capital Reserve .....	-1,194.96
Balance 12-31-05 .....	0.00

## FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1 .....	61,646.53
Add: Interest Earned .....	1,865.60
Appropriation (March 19, 2005) .....	25,000.00
Total Deposits .....	26,865.60
Less: Due to General Fund (Repairs Unit # 61) .....	-23,876.84
Balance 12-31-05 .....	64,635.29

## RESCUE CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1 .....	26,921.90
Add: Interest Earned .....	827.32
Appropriation (March 19, 2005) .....	5,000.00
Total Deposits .....	5,827.32
Balance 12/31/05 .....	32,749.22

## PUBLIC WORKS ROAD MAINTENANCE AND PAVING RESERVE

Balance 1/1 .....	55,922.64
Add: Interest Earned .....	1,700.28
2005 Unexpended to Reserve .....	6,176.59
Total Deposits .....	7,876.87
Balance 12-31-05 .....	63,799.51

## SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1 .....	32,903.80
Add: Interest Earned .....	984.54
Balance 12-31-05 .....	33,888.34



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#### **SOLID WASTE CAPITAL RESERVE**

Balance 1/1 .....	7,408.23
Add: Interest Earned .....	284.61
2005 Unexpended to Reserve .....	30,028.60
Total Deposits .....	30,313.21
Balance 12-31-05 .....	37,721.44

#### **RECREATION CAPITAL RESERVE**

Balance 1/1 .....	33,568.48
Add: Interest Earned .....	992.72
2005 Unxpended to Reserve .....	16,937.24
Total Deposits .....	17,929.96
Less: Due To General Fund .....	-3,679.35
Balance 12-31-05 .....	47,819.09

#### **LIBRARY CAPITAL RESERVE**

Balance 1/1 .....	494.55
Add: Interest Earned .....	14.80
Balance 12/31/05 .....	509.35

#### **ALICE MARY CRAM TRUST FUND**

Balance 1/1 .....	4,147.57
Add: Interest Earned .....	96.54
Balance 12-31-05 .....	4,244.11

#### **GUY A. YEATON CEMETERY TRUST FUND**

Balance 1/1 (Principal 1,000.00/ Interest 1,999.65) .....	2,999.65
Add: Interest Earned .....	93.43
Balance 12-31-05 .....	3,093.08

#### **LACROIX CEMETERY TRUST FUND**

Balance 1/1 (Principal 10,000/Interest 808.55) .....	10,808.55
Add: Interest Earned .....	336.60
Balance 12-31-05 .....	11,145.15

#### **CEMETERY PORTFOLIO**

Balance 1/1 .....	279,168.70
Add: Realized Gains .....	4,391.94
Interest/Dividends .....	10,353.07
Transfer 2005 Perpetual Care Payments .....	5,000.00
Total Deposits .....	19,745.01
Less: Agent Fees .....	-1,265.48
Transferred to CD .....	-8,095.91
Transfer Additional Dividends to CD .....	-5,000.00
Total Withdrawn .....	14,361.39
Balance 12-31-05 .....	284,552.32



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## CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST EARNINGS

Balance 1/1 .....	159,397.28
Add: Interest Earned .....	4,933.62
Interest from Portfolio .....	8,095.91
Add'l Dividends from Portfolio .....	5,000.00
Total Deposits .....	177,426.81
Less: Due to General Fund (Article 74) .....	-50,332.80
Balance 12-31-05 .....	127,094.01

## ROBERT A. GUPTILL HISTORICAL TRUST

Balance 1/1 .....	13,463.30
Add: Interest Earned .....	406.00
Less: 2004 Contribution .....	-295.00
Balance 12-31-05 .....	13,574.30

## D.C. STEVENS SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

Balance 1/1 .....	2,033.37
Add: Interest Earned .....	63.18
Less: 2005 Scholarship .....	-55.00
Balance 12-31-05 .....	2,041.55

## D.C. STEVENS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Balance 1/1 .....	32,555.20
Add: Interest Earned .....	994.59
Interest From Portfolio 2005 .....	10,236.62
Total Deposits .....	11,231.21
Less: Expended Due to General Fund .....	-15,525.47
Balance 12-31-05 .....	28,260.94

## D.C. STEVENS PORTFOLIO

Balance 1/1 .....	403,649.20
Add: Realized Gains .....	12,312.02
Interest/Dividends .....	13,761.81
Total Deposits .....	26,073.83
Less: Agent Fees .....	-2,571.91
Transfer to CD 2005 .....	-10,236.62
Total Deductions .....	-12,994.53
Balance 12-31-05 .....	416,728.50



# Proposed Municipal Budget for 2005

## NOTES:

1) Fiscal Year = Calendar Year

2) Amounts for County & School are projections only

## *Expenditures*

Area of Expenditure	2006 (P)	2005	2004	2003
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
Board of Selectpersons	14,805.00	14,905.00	17,405.00	17,405.00
Administration(+Art 28 '05)	199,767.00	195,353.00	194,290.00	182,569.00
Town Manager	54,365.00	52,678.00	56,113.00	54,662.00
Assessing/Review	21,300.00	20,200.00	15,600.00	23,600.00
Planning Board/Board of Appeals	2,967.00	3,182.00	3,480.00	3,265.00
Growth Management	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hearings & Elections	3,450.00	3,050.00	3,175.00	2,834.00
<b>General Government Totals</b>	<b>296,654.00</b>	<b>289,368.00</b>	<b>290,063.00</b>	<b>284,335.00</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>				
Constable/Civil Emergency	1,280.00	1,570.00	3,139.00	3,139.00
Fire Department	52,380.00	50,209.00	52,614.00	59,909.00
Fire Dept. Capital Reserve	20,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Rescue Squad	19,822.00	19,488.00	20,414.00	20,564.00
Rescue Capital Reserve	4,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Code Enforcement	12,067.00	12,070.00	12,070.00	9,226.00
Street Lighting	8,100.00	8,400.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
<b>Public Safety Totals</b>	<b>117,649.00</b>	<b>121,737.00</b>	<b>126,237.00</b>	<b>130,838.00</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>				
Roads, General Maintenance	94,965.00	89,230.00	85,099.00	85,093.00
West Rd Reclaim 2.2mi '06/ Dunn Rd Project '02	28,050.00	39,200.00	0.00	0.00
Road Salt Contamination	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Roads, Paving	139,706.00	142,960.00	110,000.00	110,000.00
Widen Dunn Rd. '05-'06/West Rd	24,000.00	24,000.00	0.00	0.00
Roads, Plowing & Sanding	300,998.00	283,325.00	249,477.00	252,742.00
Solid Waste Management* (4 Articles 03)	250,894.00	249,899.00	238,995.00	271,118.00
Landfill Closure	22,732.00	6,400.00	5,400.00	4,800.00
Facilities Maintenance Support	10,834.00	10,556.00	10,466.00	10,466.00
<b>Public Works Totals</b>	<b>877,179.00</b>	<b>845,570.00</b>	<b>699,437.00</b>	<b>734,219.00</b>

\* Includes Recycling



Area of Expenditure	2006 (P)	2005	2004	2003
<b>SOCIAL SERVICES</b>				
Health Officer	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00
Town Historian	300.00	300.00	400.00	300.00
Animal Control	6,623.00	6,181.00	8,317.00	8,367.00
General Assistance	7,300.00	6,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
Memorial Day	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Donations	20,252.00	18,651.00	21,791.00	22,491.00
Cemeteries(2 Articles-2003)	44,083.00	40,112.00	35,945.00	33,456.00
Cemeteries (Equip Upgrade & Maint)	35,340.00	26,000.00	0.00	20,000.00
<b>Social Services Totals</b>	<b>114,498.00</b>	<b>98,344.00</b>	<b>72,553.00</b>	<b>90,714.00</b>
<b>RECREATION</b>				
Recreation Facilities	5,055.00	4,755.00	2,835.00	3,145.00
The Center for All Seasons	76,171.00	73,928.00	72,430.00	70,623.00
CFAS-Capital Maintenance Project	22,200.00	4,000.00	3,500.00	0.00
North Belgrade Community Center	3,635.00	3,033.00	2,883.00	2,883.00
Library	31,286.00	27,900.00	27,960.00	19,952.00
Recreation Programs	41,476.00	39,243.00	43,521.00	42,525.00
<b>Recreation Totals</b>	<b>179,823.00</b>	<b>152,859.00</b>	<b>153,129.00</b>	<b>139,128.00</b>
<b>INTER-GOVERNMENT</b>				
Belgrade Lakes Conservation (2 Articles)	9,250.00	9,250.00	10,550.00	10,550.00
Dams	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	15,000.00
KVCOG	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,694.00
<b>Inter-Government Totals</b>	<b>19,250.00</b>	<b>19,250.00</b>	<b>20,550.00</b>	<b>31,244.00</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>				
Tax Anticipation Note (Interest)	34,905.00	29,000.00	29,000.00	35,000.00
<b>Debt Service Totals</b>	<b>34,905.00</b>	<b>29,000.00</b>	<b>29,000.00</b>	<b>35,000.00</b>
<b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>				
Workers Compensation	12,893.00	12,890.00	12,000.00	7,500.00
Unemployment Compensation	5,157.00	2,110.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
<b>Unclassified Totals</b>	<b>18,050.00</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>	<b>15,500.00</b>	<b>11,000.00</b>
<b>TRUST FUNDS</b>				
D.C. Stevens Enrichment	18,700.00	18,000.00	18,325.00	25,325.00
D.C. Stevens Scholarship (2 Articles)	500.00	500.00	500.00	520.00
R.A. Guphill	380.00	295.00	325.00	365.00
<b>Trust Funds Totals</b>	<b>19,580.00</b>	<b>18,795.00</b>	<b>19,150.00</b>	<b>26,210.00</b>
<b>Total Municipal Requirements</b>	<b>1,677,588.00</b>	<b>1,589,923.00</b>	<b>1,425,619.00</b>	<b>1,482,688.00</b>
<b>COUNTY &amp; SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>				
Kennebec County	465,056.00	456,384.00	418,440.00	342,922.00
MSAD #47*	3,958,678.00	3,852,012.00	3,705,782.00	3,420,980.00
<b>County &amp; School Totals</b>	<b>4,423,734.00</b>	<b>4,308,396.00</b>	<b>4,124,222.00</b>	<b>3,763,902.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>6,101,322.00</b>	<b>5,898,319.00</b>	<b>5,549,841.00</b>	<b>5,246,590.00</b>

\* Projected



## *Revenue*

Area of Revenue	2006 (P)	2005	2004	2003
<b>TAXES, LICENSES &amp; PERMITS</b>				
Vehicle Excise Taxes	575,000.00	545,000.00	511,000.00	445,000.00
Boat Excise Taxes	17,000.00	17,000.00	17,000.00	16,000.00
Town Fees/Vital Statistics	17,500.00	17,500.00	17,000.00	16,000.00
Licenses and Permit Fees	10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,000.00
Interest and Cost Fees	18,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	15,000.00
<b>Total Taxes, Licenses &amp; Permits</b>	<b>637,500.00</b>	<b>600,500.00</b>	<b>566,000.00</b>	<b>496,000.00</b>
<b>STATE FUNDS</b>				
Municipal Revenue Sharing	180,000.00	185,000.00	175,000.00	173,500.00
Local Road Assistance	50,500.00	50,500.00	49,500.00	49,500.00
Tree Growth Reimbursements	7,500.00	12,000.00	9,300.00	9,000.00
General Assistance Reimbursement	3,650.00	3,250.00	2,750.00	2,750.00
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	1,200.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,700.00
Other State Grants and Funds	1,100.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Total State Funds</b>	<b>243,950.00</b>	<b>253,150.00</b>	<b>238,950.00</b>	<b>237,450.00</b>
<b>OTHER</b>				
Recreational Program Fees	47,500.00	50,000.00	28,000.00	27,500.00
Recycled Waste Sales	4,200.00	3,250.00	3,000.00	3,500.00
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>51,700.00</b>	<b>53,250.00</b>	<b>31,000.00</b>	<b>31,000.00</b>
<b>RESERVES AND TRUST FUNDS</b>				
Community Capital Reserve	0.00	6,000.00	0.00	0.00
R.A. Guptill Historical Trust	380.00	295.00	325.00	365.00
Solid Waste Capital Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,500.00
Recreation Capital Reserve	22,200.00	4,000.00	3,500.00	0.00
D.C. Stevens Scholarship	65.00	55.00	50.00	70.00
D.C. Stevens Enrichment	18,700.00	18,000.00	18,325.00	25,325.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care (2 Article-2003)	25,568.00	30,084.00	26,959.00	45,092.00
Cemetery Perp Care Add'l Maint (4 Art '05/2Art '06)	12,000.00	23,000.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Reserves and Trust Funds</b>	<b>78,913.00</b>	<b>81,434.00</b>	<b>49,159.00</b>	<b>83,352.00</b>
<b>INTER-GOVERNMENTAL</b>				
Town of Rome	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	4,050.00
Town of Oakland	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	2,550.00
<b>Total Inter-Governmental</b>	<b>4,400.00</b>	<b>4,400.00</b>	<b>4,400.00</b>	<b>6,600.00</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Undesignated	150,000.00	250,000.00	200,000.00	180,000.00
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>150,000.00</b>	<b>250,000.00</b>	<b>200,000.00</b>	<b>180,000.00</b>
Total Non-Property Tax Revenues	1,166,463.00	1,242,734.00	1,089,509.00	1,034,402.00
Net Property Tax Requirement*	4,934,859.00	4,655,585.00	4,460,332.00	4,212,188.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>6,101,322.00</b>	<b>5,898,319.00</b>	<b>5,549,841.00</b>	<b>5,246,590.00</b>

\*Projected



# Town of Belgrade 2006 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 17th, 2006 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 17. 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 18th, 2006, at 1:00 P.M., to act on Article 18 to the end of the Warrant.

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

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

two Selectpersons-three year term  
one School Board Member-three year term  
one 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/or appropriate the sum of \$117,647 to support the Recreation Budget.

Center for all Seasons ..... \$ 76,171  
Recreational Programs ..... \$ 41,476

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent

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

**ARTICLE 4** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$29,286 to support the Library budget.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent

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

**ARTICLE 5** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town authorize the Selectpersons to negotiate and enter into a contract with the Waterville Boys and Girls Club to provide recreation programming for the Town of Belgrade for the term of one year.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent

**ARTICLE 6** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or 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 / 2 Against / 1 Absent



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- ARTICLE 7** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$500 to support the Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group's Information Center.  
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For / 0 Against  
Budget Committee Recommends: 4 For / 0 Against / 2 Absent
- ARTICLE 8** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to support the Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group's July 4th celebration.  
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For / 0 Against  
Budget Committee Recommends: 4 For / 0 Against / 2 Absent
- ARTICLE 9** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to support the Belgrade Regional Health Center.  
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent  
Budget Committee Recommends: 3 For / 1 Against / 1 Abstain / 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 10** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$2,998 to support the Crisis & Counseling Centers, Inc.  
Selectpersons Recommend: 1 For / 4 Against  
Budget Committee Recommends: 0 For / 4 Against / 2 Absent
- ARTICLE 11** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$1,060 to support the Family Violence Project.  
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent  
Budget Committee Recommends: 2 For / 3 Against / 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 12** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$2,586 to support the Kennebec Valley Mental Health Center.  
Selectpersons Recommend: 1 For / 3 Against / 1 Absent  
Budget Committee Recommends: 2 For / 3 Against / 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 13** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to support the Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area.  
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For / 0 Against  
Budget Committee Recommends: 3 For / 1 Against / 2 Absent
- ARTICLE 14** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$450 to support the KVCAP-Child & Family Services.  
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For / 0 Against  
Budget Committee Recommends: 3 For / 1 Against / 2 Absent
- ARTICLE 15** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$500 to support the KVCAP-Transportation Services.  
Selectpersons Recommend: 1 For / 2 Against / 1 Abstain / 1 Absent  
Budget Committee Recommends: 2 For / 3 Against / 1 Absent



- ARTICLE 16** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$2,041 to support Senior Spectrum.  
 Selectpersons Recommend: 3 For / 1 Against / 1 Absent  
 Budget Committee Recommends: 2 For / 3 Against / 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 17** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$1,117 to support Sexual Assault & Crisis Support Center.  
 Selectpersons Recommend: 2 For / 2 Against / 1 Absent  
 Budget Committee Recommends: 2 For / 3 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 2006 between January 1, 2007 and the date of the regular 2007 Town Meeting.  
 Selectpersons Recommend: 3 For / 0 Against / 2 Absent
- ARTICLE 19** 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: 3 For / 0 Against / 2 Absent
- ARTICLE 20** 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: 3 For / 0 Against / 2 Absent
- ARTICLE 21** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to accept pre-payment of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 MRSA, Sec. 506, with no payment of interest by the Town.  
 Selectpersons Recommend: 3 For / 0 Against / 2 Absent
- ARTICLE 22** To see if the Town will accept the overdrafts and balances that have lapsed to the Undesignated Fund with overall impact of a plus \$208,352.81 with \$150,000 of this amount to be dedicated to reducing 2006 property taxes.  
 Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 1 Against / 1 Absent  
 Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 23** To see if the Town will authorize the following accounts be carried forward to the current year:
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|------------------------------|-----------|
| Admin .....                  | \$ 2,400  |
| Planning/Appeals .....       | 1,315     |
| Growth Management .....      | 3,050     |
| Solid Waste (Ash Pile) ..... | 3,500     |
| Landfill Closure .....       | 1,200     |
| Dams .....                   | 30,419    |
| Total Carry Forward .....    | \$ 41,884 |
- Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent  
 Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent



**ARTICLE 24** To see if the Town will appropriate revenues from the following sources in 2006 to reduce the 2006 Property Tax Commitment:

Vehicle Excise Tax .....	\$575,000
License/Permit Fees .....	10,000
Town Fees .....	17,500
Boat Excise .....	17,000
Recycling Revenues .....	4,200
Interest & Cost Fees .....	18,000
Cable Franchise Fees .....	20,000
Investment Income .....	7,500
Recreation Revenues .....	47,500
Total .....	\$ 716,700

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For / 0 Against

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

**ARTICLE 25** To see if the Town will set Wednesday October 18, 2006 as the date that the 2006 property taxes are due, and charge interest at the rate of 07.75 % per annum on taxes paid after October 18, 2006, with interest to continue until the tax and tax lien are paid in full.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For / 0 Against

**ARTICLE 26** 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: 5 For / 0 Against

**ARTICLE 27** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$7,305 to support Selectpersons' salaries (\$150/mo for Selectperson Chair-\$100/mo for additional members), benefits, travel expenses, and fees.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent

Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For / 0 Against

**ARTICLE 28** To see if the Town will raise and/or 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 / 0 Against / 1 Absent

Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For / 0 Against

**ARTICLE 29** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$281,849 to support the costs associated with municipal operations and administrative activities. Itemized requirements are as follows:

Area of Expense	Amount
Administration	\$ 199,767
(Town Office Operations & Maintenance- General Admin Operating Expenses- Admin Wages & Benefits)	
Town Manager (Salary \$40,900) .....	\$ 54,365
Assessing/Review .....	\$ 21,300
Planning Board/Appeals .....	\$ 2,967
Hearings/Elections .....	\$ 3,450
Total .....	\$ 281,849

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent

Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For / 0 Against



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- ARTICLE 30** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$27,604 to support the cost of salaries to 03-31-06 plus heat, lights and upkeep of recreational facilities for all of 2006. (Article 30 is required if Article 3 is defeated.)  
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For / 0 Against  
Budget Committee Recommends: 4 For / 0 Against / 2 Absent
- ARTICLE 31** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$7,732 to support the cost of salaries to 03-31-06 for the library, plus any maintenance required for the whole of 2006. (Article 31 is required if Article 4 is defeated.)  
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For / 0 Against  
Budget Committee Recommends: 4 For / 0 Against / 2 Absent
- ARTICLE 32** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$6,525 to support the maintenance costs for the Center for all Seasons. (Article 32 is required if Article 3 is defeated and Article 4 passes.)  
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For / 0 Against  
Budget Committee recommends: 4 For / 0 Against / 2 Absent

### *Public Safety*

- ARTICLE 33** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$570 to support constable and civil emergency requirements.  
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent  
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For / 0 Against
- ARTICLE 34** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$710 to contract with Law Enforcement for coverage at critical locations and times.  
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent  
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For / 0 Against
- ARTICLE 35** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$52,380 for Fire Department operations and maintenance of equipment.  
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent  
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For / 0 Against
- ARTICLE 36** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the Fire Department Capital Reserve for future major equipment replacement.  
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent  
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For / 0 Against
- ARTICLE 37** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$19,822 to support general operating costs and equipment acquisition for the Belgrade Rescue Squad.  
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent  
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For / 0 Against
- ARTICLE 38** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for the Rescue Capital Reserve Account for future equipment replacement.  
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent  
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For / 0 Against



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**ARTICLE 39** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$12,067 for the function of Code Enforcement.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent

Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For / 0 Against

**ARTICLE 40** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$8,100 for the operation of municipal street lights.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent

Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For / 0 Against

### *Public Works*

**ARTICLE 41** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$94,965 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: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent

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

**ARTICLE 42** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$134,706 for resurfacing the following Town Road, and \$5,000 for shoulder upgrade of the same for a total sum of \$139,706, and to give the Selectpersons authority to resurface and/or crack seal additional roadway within the total approved expenditure with any unexpended balance lapsing into the Public Works Road Maintenance and Paving Capital Reserve Account.

Roads to be paved: West Rd. 2.20 miles

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent

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

**ARTICLE 43** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$24,000 to reclaim approximately 2.20 miles of the West Rd. from the Dunn Rd. to the Manchester Rd.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent

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

**ARTICLE 44** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$28,050 to continue to widen the shoulders of the Dunn Rd.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent

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

**ARTICLE 45** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$300,998 for the purpose of plowing, sanding and salting Town and State-Aid roads in 2006.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent

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

**ARTICLE 46** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$250,894 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: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent

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



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- ARTICLE 47** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$10,834 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 48** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$12,732 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: 4 For / 0 Against / 2 Absent
- ARTICLE 49** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$10,000 to remove surface metals, refill void areas, and cover other metals that are not removed at the metals/disposal area located at the former Town Landfill on the Chandler Road.  
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For / 0 Against  
Budget Committee Recommends: 4 For / 0 Against / 2 Absent
- ARTICLE 50** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$5,000 as its share of a joint effort by the Town and the Maine Department of Transportation to solve the problem of chloride contamination of local well water.  
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For / 0 Against  
Budget Committee Recommends: 4 For / 0 Against / 2 Absent
- ARTICLE 51** "Shall an ordinance entitled 'Town of Belgrade Solid Waste and Recycling Ordinance' be enacted?"  
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For / 0 Against

### *Social Services*

- ARTICLE 52** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$450 as compensation for the Health Officer.  
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent  
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For / 0 Against
- ARTICLE 53** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$300 as compensation for the Town Historian.  
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent  
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For / 0 Against
- ARTICLE 54** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$6,623 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: 6 For / 0 Against
- ARTICLE 55** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$7,300 to administer the General Assistance Program.  
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent  
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For / 0 Against



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- ARTICLE 56** To see if the Town will raise and/or 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: 6 For / 0 Against
- ARTICLE 57** To see if the Town will authorize an increase in the cost of perpetual care on a single grave from \$25 to \$50. (Cemetery maintenance costs for equipment, fuel and labor have increased significantly since the amount of \$25 was set in 1984. This was the intent of approved Article 55, 2005, but the use of the word "lot" in the Article has caused confusion as a lot can contain from one to sixteen graves. A single grave holds the remains of one person.)  
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent  
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For / 0 Against
- ARTICLE 58** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$1,000 to be placed in a Cemetery Reserve Account for the purpose of funding the extension of water lines into what will become Plan 5 of Pine Grove Cemetery in just a few years.  
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent  
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For / 0 Against
- ARTICLE 59** To see if the Town will approve charging a cemetery lot owner or a known descendent \$25 each year for mowing grass and trimming around monuments on a lot that is not covered by perpetual care?  
Selectpersons Recommend: 2 For / 2 Against / 1 Absent  
Budget Committee Recommends: 0 For / 6 Against
- ARTICLE 60** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$1,000 for spreading gravel on the remaining crossroads in Pine Grove Cemetery and to fill low spots in the parking lot beside the Old Town House. (An estimated 300 yards of crushed gravel for this purpose has been offered as a donation by Clifton and Verna Hammond.)  
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent  
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For / 0 Against
- ARTICLE 61** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$17,000 for cleaning, repairing and straightening monuments on lots that are not covered by perpetual care in Woodside Cemetery and Plan 1, Pine Grove Cemetery for which a living family member cannot be located. (This project is estimated to cost \$34,000, but Clifton and Verna Hammond have offered to match that which is raised and appropriated for this purpose.)  
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent  
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For / 0 Against
- ARTICLE 62** To see if the Town will authorize the use of \$7,940 from Perpetual Care Trust Earnings to clean monuments on lots covered by perpetual care and repair monuments on two of these lots that are located in Plan 2, Pine Grove Cemetery.  
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent  
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For / 0 Against
- ARTICLE 63** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$1,400 to clean veterans' monuments and repair one of these monuments in Plan 2, Pine Grove Cemetery.  
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent  
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For / 0 Against



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**ARTICLE 64** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$2,940 and appropriate \$4,060 from the Perpetual Care Trust Earnings for a total of \$7,000, to purchase a commercial-grade, zero-radius, riding grass mower.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent

Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For / 1 Against

**ARTICLE 65** To see if the Town will approve a practice of placing one geranium on a lot for each \$100 contributed to the Flower Trust for this purpose. (Past practice has been to put three plants on each lot for Memorial day, regardless of the amount contributed to the Flower Trust. This caused an over-expenditure of \$1,150.50 for 2005 Memorial Day because only \$420 or 2% was earned from investment of the Flower Trust Principal in 2004. This over-expenditure had to be covered by regular cemetery maintenance money because State law prohibits expending an amount from the Trust Principal.)

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent

**ARTICLE 66** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$18,515 for the Town's portion of maintenance for Belgrade's Cemeteries, and appropriate \$25,568 from interest generated by Perpetual Care Trust Funds for the balance of the total requirement of \$44,083.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent

Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For / 0 Against

**ARTICLE 67** 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: 6 For / 0 Against

## *Recreation*

**ARTICLE 68** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$5,055 for Recreation Facility operations (includes Long Pond Beach, Hayden Park, Peninsula Park and Ball Fields).

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent

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

**ARTICLE 69** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$3,635 to provide for the operation and upkeep of the North Belgrade Community Center.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent

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

**ARTICLE 70** To see if the Town will agree to place all unspent Recreational funds into the Recreation Capital Reserve Account.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent

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



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**ARTICLE 71** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectpersons to expend a sum, not to exceed \$22,200 from the Recreation Capital Reserve Account. This amount is to fund on-going capital building maintenance projects at the Center for All Seasons and North Belgrade Community Center not to exceed \$2,200; and to construct a gravel parking lot and install lighting at the Center for All Seasons not to exceed \$20,000.

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/or appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the Library Capital Reserve for a future larger, centrally located library.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent

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

**ARTICLE 73** 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: 5 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent

### *Inter-Government*

**ARTICLE 74** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$5,600 as Belgrade's share of 2006 operating/maintenance costs of the region's three dams - Belgrade Lakes, Wings Mills, and Salmon Lake. Total projected cost in 2006 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: 6 For / 0 Against

**ARTICLE 75** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$6,250 to help support an initiative sponsored by the Belgrade Lakes Conservation Corp to preserve area lakes.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent

Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For / 0 Against

**ARTICLE 76** To see if the Town will raise and/or 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: 6 For / 0 Against

### *Debt Service*

**ARTICLE 77** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$34,905 to pay interest charges and costs associated with the municipal debt in 2006.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent

Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For / 0 Against



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## *Unclassified*

- ARTICLE 78** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$18,050.00 to pay Workers and Unemployment Compensation premiums for all municipal employees.  
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent  
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For / 0 Against

## *Trust Activities*

- ARTICLE 79** To see if the Town will authorize the use of \$18,700 from the accumulated interest in the Don C. Stevens Fund for the benefit of students who attend Belgrade Central School during 2006.  
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For / 0 Against
- ARTICLE 80** To see if the Town will designate the accumulated interest (estimate-\$65) of the Don C. Stevens Scholarship Fund as of May 31, 2006, as an award to the highest ranking Belgrade student of Messalonskee High School Class of 2006.  
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 81** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate an amount up to \$435 to supplement the Don C. Stevens Scholarship to equal \$500.  
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent  
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For / 0 Against
- ARTICLE 82** To see if the Town will release \$380 in 2005 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

## *Budgetary Authorization*


- ARTICLE 83** To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$307,069 established for Belgrade by state law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.  
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent  
Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For / 0 Against / 1 Absent



## Board of Selectpersons



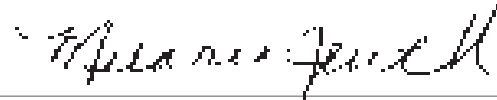
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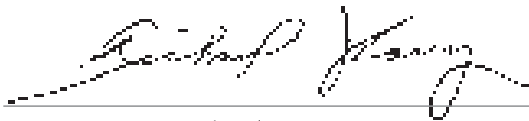
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Jeremy Damren, Constable

## 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, 2006.

Jeremy Damren, Constable



## Who Is Little Mae PEA?

There's the good that comes

# GREEN SWEET

## SHE FLIRTS

Wetzel, James, and George Hanks

**SHE WHETS**

From: [unsub@listserv.berkeley.edu](mailto:unsub@listserv.berkeley.edu)

## SHE SQUEAKS

When you reach the "Lower end," always kneel down and smile. The secret is, "Smile." There's a big deal

## SHE'S EASY

The fact the resulting changes in income tax paid, the only constraint is tax quality, which means as small as in 1,000 quads and more a number, with 100 quads per the threat to the quality of the tax and revenue.

## SHE'S MAD

Answer: yes, but without  
without the training manual

**SHE'S  
A RIOT**

By the time that I was around a half hour at the place — I'd found that things were even as usual — my gunshots killed them — but you'd never know it by the way they were just lying dead there, in the plowings continued about in the old ways of western.

**SHE'S  
DURABLE**

[illegible]

**SO TRY HER**

There is political money all over the place, and it's not always from the government. The only way you can see the money is if you're in the room. Otherwise, you're just a spectator. The fact is, there's a lot of money out there, and it's not always from the government.

### Farnham's Market

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