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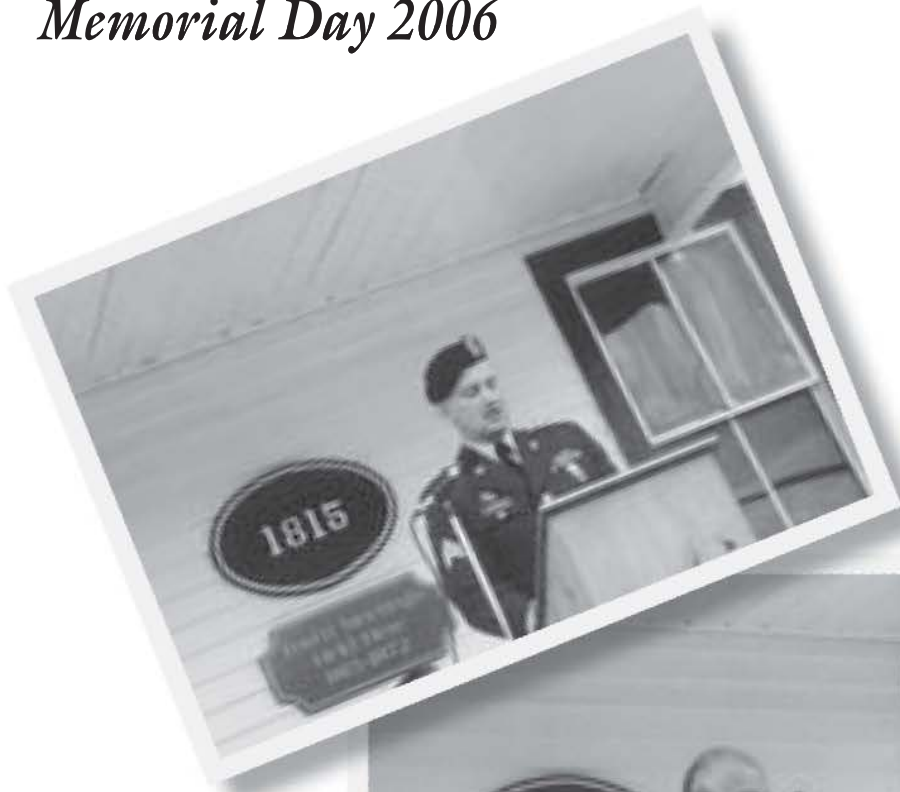
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A Salute to Scouting



Town of Belgrade
2006 Annual Report

Memorial Day 2006



Town of Belgrade



2006
Annual
Report

Annual Report of the Town Officers



Maine's 102nd Town

Preceding Maine Statehood by 24 Years

Incorporated February 3, 1796

From Washington Plantation

Above the Signature and by the Authority of

The Architect of the American Revolution

And then Governor of Massachusetts,

SAMUEL ADAMS

BELGRADE

From the French

BEL

fair, fine, beautiful

and

GRADE

step in preferment.

For The Year 2006

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Dedicated to the Boy Scouts

The 2006 Town Report is dedicated to those involved with scouting for boys in the town of Belgrade. Belgrade has a strong Cub Scout Pack (Pack 453) as well as a strong Boy Scout Troop (Troop 453). Although the two scouting organizations function separately, they work with each other to assure continuity in the scouting adventure for the boys. Both entities are dependant on commitments made by adult volunteers. The adults are required to attend various training events and devote countless hours to their Pack or Troop.

Scouting provides many opportunities that would otherwise not be available for many of our young men including a balance of learning, community service, outdoor adventure and team building.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Rank advancement provides structured exposure to safety, first aid, swimming, camping and service. Please check out the Pack and Troop sub-reports within this report for lots of examples. When a young man reaches the rank of Eagle Scout, he has the confidence to take on a leadership role or strong team-player role, regardless of which is required; he also has a solid understanding of his role as a citizen in the community, nation and world.

We are happy to dedicate this year's report to all past and present Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Eagle Scouts, Adult Volunteers and Parents who make the Scouting experience in Belgrade possible. Thank You!



Dedicated to the Girl Scouts

Belgrade Girl Scouts has 46 girls registered for the 2006-2007 Scouting year. The young ladies range in age from 5 to 15 and have been very active both in the Belgrade community and in the surrounding communities of Augusta and Waterville. The leaders, co-leaders, assistant leaders and registered adults spend countless hours with the girls, and without the girls, planning and assisting projects, field trips and meetings along with attending Leaders' Meetings and trainings to stay current in First Aid, CPR, camping and leadership. These mothers' and fathers' dedication to the girls of Belgrade has been unwavering and consistent and stands as a testament to the core values that each tries to instill through example to our youth. We have a tremendous network of involved parents and families who assist us every step of the way and we thank each and every one for sharing your children with us.

Some of the organizations and individuals who have directly benefitted from contributions from Belgrade Girl Scouts are the following: newborns at Maine General Medical Center, children at the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital, women and children at the Family Domestic Violence Project, foster children of Kennebec County, the Women's Shelter in Augusta, cancer patients, area animal shelters, soldiers serving in Iraq, the Belgrade Community Center, the Belgrade/Rome Special Needs Food Pantry, and local families needing assistance through the holiday months of November and December.

Some of the activities we are involved in currently or have done in the past are: learning to sew and making hats for the Family Violence Project; using fund raising money to purchase turkeys for the Food Pantry or to supply the Women's Shelter with items, such as, beauty supplies, bed sheets, pillows, diapers and non-perishable food items; hosting a yard sale and donating all of the proceeds to reunite siblings for a week at summer camp who have been separated by foster care; making lap quilts for persons receiving chemotherapy; collecting, cleaning and filling back packs with stuffed animals, clothing and toys for



children entering the foster care systems; providing distraction items such as hand held games and books for children whose families are receiving crisis services in Kennebec County; and sending cookies and care packages to our soldiers in Iraq.

All work and no play would be a hard sell to both kids and adults so

some of the fun stuff that we do is: learn to ride horses; go white water rafting; adopt and care for tadpoles and other aquatic creatures from a Spring vernal pool and then return them to their native habitat; exchange postcards with people all over the world; learn to identify animals through their scat and tracks; snowshoe; cross country ski; survival camping and camporee camping; fire building and proper extinguishing; how to make the perfect s'more; learning how to set up tents and "leave no trace" camping; fine dining planning, preparation and etiquette; tea and snacks with the Governor; do obstacle course races; grow food items such as tomatoes; go swimming and to the beach; learn to canoe and kayak; learn to sew; and many, many other cool things!

Everything that these young ladies have accomplished directly correlates to who they will be as adults in our community and other communities where they will live and thrive. They are learning to be true to themselves above all else because each is unique and should be celebrated for their differences; they are taking responsibility for the earth and their impact upon it and are truly earth's stewards of the future; they are internalizing the importance of caring for and about others; they set an example for other youth and adults with their unselfish giving of themselves to the community in both visible and anonymous donations of time and money. Each and every one of these 46 young ladies is an important member of the Girl Scout Organization and the Town of Belgrade. Their generosity of spirit and kindness knows no boundaries, and their families have to be given credit for supporting these girls and their missions through scouting.



Thank you all for "making the world a better place" each and every day!

Memorial Dedication

Gerald Damren ~ 1929-2006

Gerald Lawrence Damren was born in Belgrade on July 19, 1929, son of Lawrence and Christine Damren. Jerry lived a good part of his childhood with his parents and siblings on the West Road. He attended Belgrade schools in his elementary years and, when the Belgrade school burned, moved with his family for a short time to Presque Isle, returning to attend high school in Belgrade. He graduated with the class of 1949.

Jerry worked road construction summers while finishing high school, and later was employed by First National Stores in Augusta. After a number of years working as a route salesman for Harris Baking Company in the Skowhegan area, he spent twenty-three years in the maintenance department at Camp Keyes, retiring in 1989. After retiring, Jerry continued to be employed for a number of years by his brother-in-law at Secured Creditors Services, repossessing and transporting vehicles for that agency.

Gerald married Catharine Mills on November 23, 1950. As newlyweds, Jerry and Katie took an apartment for a short time in Augusta on Sewall Street, returning the next summer to live in Belgrade. It was Belgrade where Jerry resided for the rest of his life.

Jerry loved all sports. For many years, he devoted countless hours to assisting his brother-in-law, Donald Lord, with the Belgrade Baseball Town Team. Jerry umpired games at the Babe Ruth, American Legion, and high school levels for over 25 years. He planned his vacation time around tournaments and traveled out of state with the teams to watch his "kids" compete. His health failing, Jerry for the first time missed the state baseball tournaments in 2006.

Jerry followed other sports as well as baseball. When high school basketball tournament time came around, for at least the past 20 years, you could find him in his special seat at the Augusta Civic Center or Bangor Auditorium, where he held his "armchair clinics" and annual reunions with other devoted fans from around the state. It is fair to say that Western B, C, and D state basketball tournaments have lost one of their most loyal supporters. Jerry will be sorely missed this year.

When a Boy Scout Troop was organized in Belgrade, Jerry became an active participant on the troop committee and continued his involvement for many years, assisting with weekly meetings, annual camping trips, white water canoe trips, and numerous fundraising projects.

But Jerry's greatest love was his love for the outdoors. He was an avid fisherman from the time he was a child and, in more recent years, spent several weeks each spring in the Rangeley Lakes Region fishing with his wife, family and friends. Over the years, the docking of



the *Katie D* at sunset became a familiar sight at the Rangeley town landing. It was here, doing what he loved best, that Jerry began to acquire an ever-growing circle of "extra sons" to whom he introduced the sport—they were always welcome to join him for a day on the water. Ice fishing for white perch on Salmon Lake or Great Pond was his favorite winter outing. For Jerry, a small game of hockey, with a cookout of "beaners" and wieners with his friends and their children, was a perfect way to spend a crisp winter day.

Jerry's love of hunting led to his skipping school in his teen years to spend a day in the woods. As an adult, he had another "extended" family—the hunting buddies he had as companions and friends as part of the BBB's at the "Tarpaper Palace" in Brighton. This has included the hunters of his generation, their sons, and now their grandsons.

If you did not know Jerry throughout his lifetime—perhaps if you are "from away"—you knew him as the man you saw each summer in the hay fields of Belgrade on the blue "Long" farm tractor. As farming gradually ceased in Belgrade, the need to keep fields mowed and free of bushes became another of Jerry's pursuits. With farmers no longer cutting their fields for hay, many landowners in town relied on Jerry to keep their fields clear and open. This was another of his enjoyable pastimes. He expressed concern this past summer over who would continue the job after he was gone.

Jerry measured success not by counting his money or possessions, but by counting the number of friends with whom he was blessed. A day after his passing, the family was asked, "What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think of Jerry?" Some were quick to answer his "endless teasing," while others noted his "generosity to all—his giving ways." Jerry was never happier than when he had an opportunity to give presents to his "extra kids," or to take a quart of fresh-picked berries or a mess of perch filets to a relative or friend. Giving brought him great joy.

In his last few months of life, Jerry stated often that he had lived a good life that he had done everything he wanted to do and some things he never thought he would get to do. He said he had no regrets.

Maybe he was your hunting companion, your fishing buddy, your cribbage partner, and your "extra dad." Maybe he was your coach, your mentor, your troop leader, and your co-worker. Perhaps he was that white-haired man with the piercing blue eyes with whom you shared your race program at the track. To the family left behind, he was husband, father, brother, uncle, friend.

Whoever Jerry Damren was for you, we all knew him as a kind, generous, and fair man. We all loved him—we always will.

Memorial Dedication

Steve Wayne Chaput

Born in Brunswick, Maine, February 18, 1949, he was predeceased by his parents Leo Chaput of Belgrade and Edna Brawn of Bath and also by his older brother Gerald Chaput.

He graduated Brunswick High School in 1968. He earned his Associate's Degree in Restaurant Management from Paul Smith's College in Saranac Lake, New York in 1970.

He married Laura Ann Newberry from Saranac Lake, New York on September 6, 1969 in Bath, Maine. They had two children, Cristina (Crissy Chaput) and Steven C (Stevie Chaput). He built his own house in Belgrade where his wife still resides.

He started working for his father's business as a lineman when he was 16. Leo was a retired lineman from Central Maine Power. Steve had his own business called Steve Chaput Construction Company. He also worked for Security Lighting owned by Jerry



Burton, and for Central Maine Power in Augusta. He was currently employed by OnTarget , out of Portland, Maine, with many jobs in the Massachusetts area, his home away from home.

He took time out to go hunting and fishing at his camp. Ride his 4wheeler and snowmobile. He loved to cook all kinds of things that he shared with anyone who stopped by to visit including his children and his only grandson Kolbie-Tyler Lavallee. He also loved to relax by sitting at the

computer to play war games. He loved animals and currently had adopted three dogs, Jessie, Peanut and Bear.

He also had nieces and nephews, Randy, Traci, Terri, Troy and Tammi. He volunteered in the Town of Belgrade as a firefighter: The Lieutenant of Safety, and also as an EMT.

He was a very attentive and loving husband to his wife who suffered a stroke in the late 1990's.

Memorial Dedication

Richard Damren, Sr.

Richard "Dick" Damren Sr was born June 2nd 1932 in Oakland to Leslie & Gertrude Damren, he was a 6th generation Damren to settle in this beautiful town called Belgrade. He was in the US Air Force, in which he proudly served 4 years. After he returned to this small town in which he was deeply rooted, to have a great life on a little road named Damren Road in North Belgrade, where his ancestors settled before. Dick served on the Belgrade Fire Department for many years, and in the early years in our home we had a "red phone" in which if there were a fire it would go to that phone and then someone would have to ring the alarm. He was extremely proud of his son Richard "Rick: Jr, who later became fire chief in the late 70's-early 90's. His legacy of serving seemed to run in his family with various volunteer services as his grandkids were on the Belgrade Fire & Rescue. Later years we could always count on him if there was a fire to load up his van and fill it with water, soft drinks and food to keep the crew going. It was not unusual if someone had fallen



on hard times for Dick to try to make the situation better whether it be helping with numerous benefit suppers, or putting up a collection can in his mom & pop store he and his wife ran. And it seemed like sometimes that little store was the town hall having its town meetings with people discussing the Town events. Sometimes Dick would have some strong opinions he liked to share and Mayna would give him a little kick under the counter. Another memory is when he and his brother John

and many other Belgrade firefighters built the North Belgrade Fire Station, only to have a twister go thru and tear the roof off, but, with fierce determination and a lot of sweat, they put it up again and it is still standing today! He was also known for his plumbing skills in which he used to get some calls to come and help some of his neighbors out of a pinch. Dick passed away March 29, 2006, after a long illness. Those who know him will always remember & miss his humor and quick smile and caring heart.

Reference Numbers

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 592-6031 (C)

Fire Wardens - Burning Permits

Jeff Stevens..... 458-0459 (C)
 Mark Day.....495-3840 (H)
 Ed Ketch, Jr.....495-3861 (H)
 Chris Henninger.....465-7585 (H)

Emergency Management Director

Jay Bradshaw, Director495-2679 (H)
 Ed Ketch, Jr., Asst. Dir.....495-3861 (H)

Center for All Seasons

Jessica Moore, Dir.495-3481

Belgrade Public Library

Marcia Haigh, Librarian

Road Commissioner

Maurice Childs 495-2982/2145 (H)

Code Enforcement Officer -

Building Permits

Gary Fuller.....495-3868 (H)

Health Officer

Katherine Riddle465-3351 (H)

Plumbing Inspector

Gary Fuller.....495-3868 (H)

Animal Control

Mark Burton (Resigned)
 Kathy Ross (Acting) 495-2258 (W)

Civil Constables

Jeremy Damren 495-2258 (W)

Transfer Station

Belgrade Central School

MSAD 47 Superintendent

Messalonskee High School

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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For information contact: Town of Belgrade, 6 Manchester Road, Belgrade, ME 04917 (207) 495-2258

More “Handy” Information

Town Office Hours of Operation:

Monday	8 am - 4:30 pm
Tuesday	8 am - 4:30 pm
Wednesday	8 am - 4:30 pm
Thursday	8 am - 7 pm
Friday.....	8 am - 4:30 pm
Saturday ~ Open the last Saturday of the month from April - September 9 am - Noon and a Saturday in December. Closed daily for lunch 11 - 11:30 am	

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.

Time Warner 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 Electric495-3233
52 Oakwood Drive, Belgrade, ME 04917

Plumbing Contractors

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

Belgrade Plumbing & Heating,
Steve Young495-2189
107 West Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

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

Paul Hanna495-3805
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 Young495-2189
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 Pelletier495-2702
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

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238 Dunn Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

Paul Stevens.....465-9395
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Craig's Carpentry.....465-3749 · 1-800-417-2880
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CLS Builders, Chuck Stuart495-2598
PO Box 419 Depot Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

David Willard495-2841
15 Buck Ridge Drive, Belgrade, ME 04917

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28 Damren road, Belgrade, ME 04917

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27 Point Road, Belgrade Maine 04917

R. E. Violette495-2349
P.O. Box 409, Belgrade, ME 04917

James Vogel495-2913
204 Location Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

Jerry Steiner, Steiner Floors.....495-6028
P.O. Box 562, Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918

Fisher Construction, Merle Fisher465-3035
630 Oakland Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

Local Businesses

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 Hollowell..... 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..... 465-8254
314 Horsepoint Road, Belgrade, Maine 04917

Landscapers

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P.O. Box 422, Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918
- Lakeside Landscape, Scott Phair..... 831-7053
P.O. Box 407, Belgrade, ME 04917

Tree Service

- Skyline Tree Service..... 1-800-611-5118
693 Manchester Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

Propane Service

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

Painters

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73 Stevens Road, Belgrade, ME 04917
- David Willard 495-2841
15 Buck Ridge Drive, Belgrade, ME 04917

Surveyors

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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 surfaces for boaters, and excellent opportunities for those people interested in bird watching. With our forest acreage

expanding, as former farmland reverts to tree growth, deer, moose and birds have become more plentiful for people to enjoy. There is a new 18-hole golf course, just south of Belgrade Lakes Village, with entrance from the West Road.

The Town has a Public Information Officer with limited authority. All law enforcement is 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, that 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

2,462

Schools

Belgrade Central School (K-5), Belgrade

Messalonskee Middle School, Oakland

Messalonskee High School, Oakland

All schools are in Maine School Administration District #47

Churches

Old South Church - Intersection Route 135 and West Road

Union Methodist Church - Belgrade Lakes Village

St. Helena's Church - Belgrade Lakes Village

North Belgrade Baptist Church - Intersection Route. 11 and North Belgrade Station Road

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

Health Facility

Belgrade Regional Health Center, Clement Way, Belgrade, Maine

Belgrade's Elected Representatives to the State Government

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DISTRICT 83
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Augusta, ME 04333
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Belgrade's Elected Representatives to the Federal Government

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2006 Town Officers

Elected Officials

Board of Selectpersons Richard (Ricky) Damren, Chair (07), Richard "Spike" Carey, (09),
Melanie Jewell, V Chair (08), Christopher Merrow (07), Penny Campbell (09)
Road Commissioner Maurice Childs
Sexton Michael Urbanek-resigned, Michael Heino (07)
MSAD #47 Board of Directors-Belgrade Members Frank Fekete (08), Frank Haggan (09), Laura Corbett (07)
Town Meeting Moderator John R. Bradshaw

Appointed Officials

Town Manager Mark L Turner, resigned, Dennis L Keschl
Town Clerk & Tax Collector Cheryl T. Cook
Treasurer Pamela G. Tracy
Deputy Clerk & Registrar of Voters Patricia E Robertson

Appointed Officials continued

Town Historian.....	Nancy Mairs
Health Officer.....	Katherine Riddle
Public Information Officer	Jeremy Damren
Code Enforcement Officer	Gary R. Fuller
Tree Warden	tish carr
Plumbing Inspector	Gary R. Fuller
Secretary, Board of Selectpersons/Clerk	Mary Vogel
Secretary, Planning Board	Katelyn Foster
Secretary, Board of Appeals.....	Penelope Morrell
Assessor	Robert Duplisea, CMA
Auditor	Keel J. Hood, CPA
Animal Control Officer	Katherine Ross

Appointed Boards, Committees & Department Heads

Budget Committee	Margaret Yeaton (07), Douglas Mather (09), Roger Nadeau (07), John Sutton, Chair (08), Rodney Bickford (08), Dennis Purington (09)
Planning Board.....	Stephen Foster, Chair (07), Karla Carey (09), Dan Pratt (08), Peter Rushton (08), Karen Damren (07) Gary R Fuller, CEO, Dan Trembley, Alt, 1 alt. vacant
Board of Appeals.....	Robert Martin, Chair (08), Vacant (07), John Vogt (09), vacant (07), Peter Sargent (09), Shawn Mullens (08), Gordon Pow (09)
Board of Assessment Review	Gloria McGraw (07), Gordon Pow (08), Betty Grant (09), John Vogt (08) alt.
Cemetery Committee.....	Michael Heino, Sexton (1 Year), Bryce Wadleigh (07), Raymond Nutter (08), Nancy French (09), Carl Yeaton (08)
Dams Committee	Percy Ackerman (08), Dennis Purington (07), Roger Pelletier (09), George Hoy (07), Alternate (07)
Don C. Stevens Trust Committee.....	Pam Prescott, Chair (07), Amy Perkins, Jill Mackenzie, Frank Fekete, Linda Sprague
Board of Parks & Recreation	Jean Saucier, Chair (08), Linda Bacon (09), Jean Dalton (07), Amy Bernatchez (09), Catherine Urbanek (08), Robert Steinberg (08), Kathryn Horton (07), Bill Getty, Alt. Indef., Carrie Brennan (09). Mike Atwood (08), Genevieve Hall (08), Sue Perrino (07)
Transfer Station/Recycling Committee	Jack Sutton, Mike Pooler, Bruce Galouch, Chair, Mike Burnham, Dawn Burnham, Richard Carey, Gregory Keene, Ray Hammond, Rick Damren, Dennis Keschl, Town Manager
Fire Department/Rescue.....	Jeffrey Stevens, Chief (07), William, Pulsifer, Dep Chief,(08), Edward Ketch, Jr., Asst Chief/Lakes (08), Chris Henninger, Ass't Chief/Nbel (08), Douglas Sawyer, Lt/Lakes(08), Bruce Galouch, Ass't Chief/Depot (07), Lisa Day, Dir.of Rescue (09), Mark Day, Capt/Lakes (07), Bruce Plourd, Capt/Depot (07), Travis Burton, Lt Rescue (07), Dan Newman, Lt.Depot (07), Steve Chaput, Lt/Depot & Safety Officer (07), Dan Mackenzie, Capt. N.Bel & Training (08), Scott Damren, Lt/N.Bel (08), Richard McCarthy, Training/Lt Belgrade Lakes (07)
Long Range Planning Committee.....	Scott Luettich (07), Bruce Hazard (07), Nathan Booker (09), Margaret Shannon (09), Don Campbell (10), Corbin Findlan (10)
Recreation Director	Jessica Moore
Library Director.....	Marcia Haigh
Library Trustees.....	Edward Salmon (08), Nancy Mairs (07), Harry Colt (09), Kris Veins (07), vacancy (06), Patricia Pow (08), Loyce Hayslett (09)
Tree Committee.....	tish carr, Tree Warden, Kristie Wood, Chair, Doug Wood, John Blasenak, Norma Blazer, Sylvia Coulombe, Sue Gawler, Loyce Hayslett, Phil Sprague

Board of Selectpersons

On behalf of the Board of Selectpersons, I wish to extend a warm thank you to all of the people who make our town the very special one that it is.

The office staff (Cheryl, Pam, Mary and Pat) is always courteous and helpful and their assistance on a daily basis is second to none. We are thankful to have them as our lead people that the public relies upon.

We have a top notch Fire Department and Rescue team in this town and if you have not thanked them for their service to our community recently, you should! One person whom we should all thank especially is William (Bill) Pulsifer for his 50 years of service to the Fire Department!! We are incredibly lucky to have such a fine person dedicated to our safety for so many years.

We have a new Town Manager, Dennis Keschl, who has become an integral part of our team in a very short time. He brings a level of expertise and professionalism to the Town Office that we respect and have come to rely upon. As a citizen of Belgrade, he has the same expectations for our growth and management as you and I and this is evident in all he does. We look forward to working with Denny for a long time!

Our partnership with the Waterville Area Boys and Girls (the Alford Center) has been successful beyond our

expectations. Jessica Moore, our Recreation Director, has been a positive force in our town as she strives to come up with new programming that will excite and motivate both kids and adults in our community while maintaining the existing programs that the townspeople have come to expect of our Center for All Seasons. This next year should be fabulous recreationally as well.

Finally, I wish to express how much we value all of the volunteers who work tirelessly on committees in Belgrade! With full lives, jobs and families it is often an inconvenience to serve on one of our boards, but we have dozens of citizens who do just that!! These individuals are an essential part of what we accomplish as a community and their commitment to Belgrade is vital to our growth and prosperity. We are always looking for volunteers for these committees, so if you have a desire to stay involved in your town, please stop by the Town Office and fill out an application!

Thank You!

Melanie Jewell, Vice Chair

Board of Selectpersons

Richard "Rick" Damren, Jr, Chair, Melanie Jewell, V-Chair, Richard "Spike" Carey, Chris Mellow, and Penny Campbell.

Town Manager's Report

Dennis L. Keschl

I reviewed a number of previous Selectpersons' and Town Managers' Reports to get ideas for my first report to you as the new Town Manager of Belgrade. You would think that this review would not be necessary for a person that has lived in the community for over 27 years. In these reports I noticed sincere comments about the changes our community had undergone, the effort to reduce (or control) property taxes growth, and expressions of appreciation for our Town Office Staff and all of the volunteers that work in the many departments, boards, and committees that make our town government work.

In the brief six months that I have held this position, I can affirm all of these statements are as true this year as they have been in the past. We have and will continue to see changes in our community, for the good and bad; I do not

believe that we will ever see an end to the discussion about the amount of taxes we pay (as was evidenced by perfect split on the number of residents voting for and against the Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR) in the last election); and I have an increased sense of appreciation for all of our staff and the volunteers who make Belgrade what it is, spending countless hours of their free time to improve our community.

But there are many pressing issues that WE must confront in the coming year. These issues were identified in the Comprehensive Plan that was completed in 1998, and have yet to be completed. Among these are:

- the need to develop and implement a master plan that resolves the need for a new town office, a larger library, and a new, centrally located fire station;



- the need to improve the operation of our transfer station and recycling center by optimizing the service delivered to the community and minimizing the cost of its operation;
- the need to authorize and fund increased code enforcement activities to ensure regulatory compliance;
- the need to preserve our historical documents and artifacts and to increase public awareness of Belgrade's history; and,
- the need to explore and implement opportunities for regionalizing services with neighboring communities to lower our costs while improving the quality of service provided.

We have taken action to move some of these issues forward, e.g., the recent acceptance of new rules for the operation of the Transfer Facility and Recycling Station, including adoption of a fee structure to discourage the illegal disposal of material at the facility. While the rules were put into effect on January 1, 2007, the fee structure will not go into effect until we have had the opportunity to devise the most appropriate means to collect the fees, perhaps in April.

e-Belgrade is another initiative to improve your access to town services on a 24/7 basis. By accessing our website, www.belgrademaine.com, you can now re-register your vehicles, snowmobiles, and ATVs, get your hunting and fishing licenses, license your dogs, etc. on-line, whether or not the Town Office is open. We intend to improve our website in order to make it "your place to go" for information. For instance, we have recently put all town ordinances on-line and are posting all of the available minutes provided to us from the various committees and boards. We hope that

these expanded on-line services are of use to you. If you have any questions about access to them...or suggestions on improvements that we can make to our Website, let me know.

The Long Range Planning Committee has been asked to look at a number of these issues to provide the Town with their recommendations. I hope that we can have a fairly well developed plan of action to get those items resolved within the next year or two. Information will be provided to you as soon as it becomes available. I urge all of you to get involved and to have your voice heard as proposals are made.

A word on the budget...our allowable growth limitation factor for our 2007 municipal budget (exclusive of school and county assessments) under LD1 is 5.5%. The final municipal budget being offered for your approval is 7.3% over last year's budget. While some of this increase is driven by inflation, the majority of the increase is due to a request for money to provide for needed improvements at the Transfer Facility and Recycling Station. Therefore, there will be an article asking voters to approve an increase to the LD1 property tax levy in order to meet the requirements of the proposed budget.

Finally, I have found the past six months to be extremely rewarding. I am learning a great deal about a town that I thought I knew. I look forward to playing a much more active role in moving Belgrade forward in the direction that you...its citizens...want it to go. I urge you to participate in creating that future direction, and if you have any questions or concerns about what is happening...stop by the Town Office.

Sincerely,
Dennis L. Keschl

Planning Board Report

2006 saw the Planning Board reviewing building applications within the Shoreland Zone under stricter review criteria than in the past years, due to changes passed down from DEP, along with the fact that a lot of the applications were on non-conforming lots or were non-conforming structures, and a lot of the applications involved both. Subdivisions seemed to have slowed down for now, as well as Commercial Reviews.

The Planning Board currently has one alternate position open and expects another in 2007. We are still trying to update ordinances and if anyone would like to work on

some of the changes needed contact either myself or the Town Manager.

As always, I want to take this opportunity to Thank, Dan Pratt, Peter Rushton, Karen Damren, Karla Carey, Dan Trembley and Katelyn Foster for their work and time spent on the Planning Board. I encourage all of you to say "thank you" to them as well as for their devotion to the Board.

Respectfully submitted
Stephen Foster, Chairperson

Road Commissioner's Report

During the past year we again did a lot of brush and roadside trimming. We reclaimed and paved the West Road from the Dunn Road almost to Route 135. This year we can hopefully reclaim and pave the remainder of the West Road and work on the McGrath Pond Road.

This year we continued to widen the shoulders on portions of the Dunn Road. This will continue with part 3 of a 3-4 year plan leading to a 20-foot paved travel lane within 3-foot gravel shoulders making it a much safer road.

We appreciate the efforts of everyone who follows 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
Road Commissioner

Dams Committee Report

To: Selectpersons, Town of Rome and Belgrade
Dennis Keschl, Belgrade Town Manager
Steven A Dyer, Oakland Town Manager

In 2006, we replaced a seal at the Great Pond Dam, performed general maintenance in and around Salmon Lake Dam and did major repairs to the spillway and gates at Wings Mills Dam.

In 2007, we plan to perform general maintenance to all these dams.

In 2007, we are asking the towns to appropriate and raise \$10,000 for maintenance.

Belgrade	\$5,600
Rome	\$2,700
Oakland	<u>\$1,700</u>

Total \$10,000

Approved by the Dams Committee on October 24, 2006.

Respectfully submitted
Richard A MacKenzie
Chairperson, Dams Committee

Kennebec County Sheriff's Report

The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office continues to proudly serve the residents of Kennebec County as it has since 1799. The Sheriff's Office provides Law Enforcement and Corrections services to thirty communities in an 890 square-mile area.

Deputies responded to 11,302 calls for service during 2006. The Sheriff's Office holds Sexual Assaults, Domestic Violence and Narcotics Investigations as its central focus. We continue to provide a ten-man Dive Rescue Team, Accident Reconstruction Investigators, Civil Service, Court Security, a D.A.R.E. program in twelve schools, and a twelve-man Drug Operations Team.

In 2006, Deputies executed 48 Drug Search Warrants, making 120 drug-related arrests for Trafficking in Cocaine, Heroin, Prescription Pills and Marijuana. The Sheriff's Office collaborates with other Law Enforcement agencies within the Central Maine area to apprehend drug traffickers. We are very committed to this effort.

In 2006, the Correctional Facility housed 3,652 inmates, which included 3 Murder-related defendants, 793 Felony-level crimes, 330 Narcotic Violations and 2,849 Misdemeanor Offenses. Our Correctional Facility manages up to 250 Inmates per day. Through innovative programs such as Maine Pre-Trial, Day Reporting and Electronic Monitoring, the Inmates are effectively and safely managed,

at a much-reduced rate to the Citizens of Kennebec County.

The Kennebec County Correctional Facility continues to be a leader in the State of Maine. During 2006, Inmate Work Crews worked on more than 42 community projects. During this community service work, 839 inmates performed work for County, Municipal, State, Non-Profit Groups and Veterans organizations. As a result of the extensive work programs and the reduction in inmate bed days, the citizens of Kennebec County realized a savings of \$539,308.

The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with the Department of Conservation, Fedco Seeds, Johnny's Select Seed and volunteers, operates a twelve-acre Inmate Garden. This five-year-old project, on average, produces 50,000 pounds of produce annually. This produce supplements the 600 meals, which are served each day in our Correctional Facility.

The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office is committed to providing progressive and professional Law Enforcement and Correctional services to the Citizens of Kennebec County. I welcome any comments or suggestions to improve our service to you. I can be reached at 1-800-498-1930.

Sheriff Randall A Liberty

Town of Belgrade • Call Action Breakdown - 2006

Call Action	Self Init	Dis-patched	Total	%	Call Action	Self Init	Dis-patched	Total	%
Adult Arrest	4	7	11	<1	Peace Restored	0	4	4	<1
Arrest(s) Made	6	8	14	1.2	Removed Hazard	2	2	4	<1
Building Checked/ Secured	8	5	13	1.1	Services Rendered	60	307	367	31.4
Could Not Locate	4	13	17	1.5	Transferred to Another Agency	1	112	113	9.7
Extinguished	0	5	5	<1	Transportation to Hospital	0	76	76	6.5
False Alarm	0	2	2	<1	Ticket Issued	75	2	77	6.6
False Alarm Weather (No Bill)	0	1	1	<1	Unfounded	0	12	12	1.0
Investigated	16	107	123	10.5	Vehicle Towed	1	4	5	<1
Juvenile Arrest	0	1	1	<1	Verbal Warning	37	1	38	3.3
Mistake Made	0	2	2	<1	Warning Issued	184	1	185	15.9
No Action Required	24	73	97	8.3	Total	422	745	1167	100

Belgrade Girl Scout Report

The Belgrade Girl Scouts have been very busy this year earning lots of badges, patches & pins. We had 46 girls, 25 adults signed up this year.

Four of our older cadets earned their Silver pin, going to dinner to celebrate.

One troop took horseback riding lessons.

Some planted flowers at the Center for All Seasons which were donated by Mrs. Page. Many went white-water rafting, some donated to the Food Pantry.

A family was given a Thanksgiving Basket complete with homemade pies made by the girls.

We adopted a family for Christmas, for whom all troops bought gifts. We wrapped the gifts at our annual Christmas party and decorated ornaments to take home. We also had

an ornament swap with a Christmas story. We also made edible ornaments for the birds to hang on the tree in the ball field at school. As the girls hung them, all did a carol sing-a-long.

I hope everyone noticed how nice the tree in the Ball field looked this year. The Girl Scouts purchased new lights and hung them for all to see. The old ones were in bad array, so we replaced them out of our Girl Scout Community Fund.

Most of the money the Girl Scouts have is earned by their Cookie Sales. They are not allowed to do outside fundraisers so all your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

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 a special thanks to all the leaders in the Pack who dedicate their time to 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. Last fall our annual recruitment added 14 boys to the ranks. In December, the Pack saw 6 scouts earn their Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouts. We will be holding our Blue and Gold Banquet on February 2, 2007 to cross over Webelos II scouts into the Belgrade Boy Scout Troop 453.

The Scouts of Pack 453 have been very active this year. In addition to the regular weekly den meetings, monthly Pack meetings at the Center for All Seasons, the Pinewood

Derby, and earning their ranks, the Cub Scouts camped out at the lodge at Camp Bomazeen this fall. Last spring, the Pack participated in a Camp-in at the New England Aquarium in Boston, Massachusetts. There were many memorable activities during this trip, including a walk along the Freedom Trail.

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. The Pack continues to grow and nurture our boys in a positive way. Any boy ages 7 to 10 may join.

Yours in scouting

Cindy Streznewski, Cubmaster

Pack 453

Boy Scout Troop 453 Report

The Troop Committee of Belgrade Boy Troop 453 would like to thank the residents of Belgrade for their support in 2006. 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 26 boys, most of whom are busy working on advancement requirements and numerous merit badges. The best part of the Scouting adventure is putting newly learned skills to use. In 2006, Troop 453 participated in skiing, Summer Camp at Camp Roosevelt, a campout near Hamilton Pond, a camping and service trip to Gulf Hagas- the 'grand canyon' of Maine, a camping/biking/hiking trip to Acadia National Park and an autumn hike up Bigelow Mountain. Some boys participated in the Klondike Derby, a winter camping skills and endurance challenge held in China in January. Boys are preparing for a canoe-camping adventure next year on one of Maine's wilderness rivers.

Troop 453 service projects for 2006 included working as Habitat for Humanity volunteers for a day, conducting a spaghetti dinner to raise funds for the Belgrade/Rome Food

Pantry, transportation, setting up and putting away chairs for the Town's Memorial Day service in addition to presentation of the colors, moving books for the Friends of the Library book sales, and distribution of luminaries for the Christmas Stroll in Belgrade Lakes. In 2006, our scouts achieved rank advancement to Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class and Star ranks in addition to earning merit badges.

We thank everyone at the Town Office, and 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 all the efforts from outgoing Scoutmaster Glen Davis and give a warm welcome and support to our new Scoutmaster, Larry Boyce. It remains a high priority for the troop 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 Larry Boyce at 547-3008 or Committee Chairperson David Miller at 547-3912.

Respectfully submitted,
Boy Scout Troop 453 Committee

Budget Committee Report

Welcome to Doug Mather, Dennis Purington and Margaret Yeaton who joined the Budget Committee in 2006. Thanks to outgoing members Dennis Keschl, Donald Taylor and Jonathan Perkins for their service on the committee. The committee appreciates Dennis Keschl's continuing support in his position as our Town Manager.

During 2006 the Budget Committee met with the Board of Selectpersons in January to finalize recommendations for financial articles for the March Town Meeting warrant, followed by a meeting in March to discuss LD1 budget limitations with the Board. The Budget Committee met again in April to orient new members and to discuss financial issues for the current year, and also in July to review the town's financial progress and potential impact of the Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR) referendum. Town accounts and TABOR projections were reviewed again in October. A final meeting was held in December with the Selectpersons to review and vote on recommendations for articles that will appear in the 2007 Town Meeting warrant. Unresolved issues were carried over to joint meetings in January 2007.

Apart from formal Budget Committee meetings, members participated individually in several gatherings relating to town finances, including TABOR, MSAD 47 budget, Center for All Seasons budget, cemetery, transfer station and other topics of financial importance to the Town.

Looking ahead, significant financial issues on the horizon include:

- Potential change of town's fiscal year
- Potential state changes in school and transportation funding
- Proposed state cap on resident homeowner assessments
- Expiration of town Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) transportation and disposal contracts in 2008
- Renewal of town snow plowing and sanding contracts
- Potential new town office
- Regionalization efforts to reduce local government expenses

Respectfully submitted:

Rodney Bickford (08)

Doug Mather (09)

Roger Nadeau (07)

Dennis Purington (09)

Jack Sutton (08)

Margaret Yeaton (07)

Fire & Rescue Report

Again, Belgrade Fire and Rescue has experienced another extremely busy year between fire and rescue calls, keeping current with training, and hosting fundraisers. This year we made major repairs to 63 and 64, putting a new engine in each unit. The cost of these repairs came out of our capital reserve monies due to the extensive costs. Both units are now online and running fine.

Last year we had the outside of the North Belgrade Station and the Depot Station painted. This year our plan is to paint the inside of all three stations using the services of the Department of Corrections Central Maine Pre-Release Center. Our thanks go out to them for the great job they did last year and for their willingness to assist again this year.

This year we acquired tracks for the 2004 Yamaha 4X4 Rhino Utility Vehicle, thanks to the Belgrade Fire and Rescue Association and private donations. This unit was acquired in 2005 and is used to assist in many ways such as hauling our Rescue sled, carrying gear and manpower into and out of grass and wood fires, saving a lot of time and work.

For the year 2006, awards were given to Captain Daniel MacKenzie for Firefighter of the year and to Firefighter/EMT Scott Damren for Rescue Person of the Year.

On behalf of Belgrade Fire and Rescue, we would like to thank Hammond Lumber Company, Bob the Plummer, Belgrade Lakes Electric, Kaplan Electric and all other area businesses that willingly release Fire and Rescue personnel during the workday to answer calls. If it were not for the flexibility of these businesses, we would have a major daytime coverage issue. Your continued support does not go unnoticed and is very much appreciated!

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

Belgrade Fire and Rescue would also like to extend its thanks to the citizens of Belgrade for their much needed and continued support. We assure you that we continue to do everything in our power to keep Belgrade a safe and healthy town for all to enjoy, live in, and play in!

Respectfully submitted,
 Jeffrey C Stevens, Fire Chief 458-0549
 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

FIRE CALLS		RESCUE CALLS	
Structure Fires	2	10-55	22
Chimney Fire	3	Medical	136
Brush Fires	5	Mutual Aid	4
Other Fires	1	Trauma	26
Unpermitted Burns	2		
10-55	34		
False Alarms	15		
CO2 Alarms	2		
Down Powerlines	11		
Water Rescue	1		
Woods Rescue	1		
Ice Rescue	2		
Mutual Aid Calls	19		

Total Rescue Calls..... 188
 Total Fire Calls.....98
286

Total Calls - 98 - 1950 Hours
 Training - 350 Hours

6-Year Fire & Rescue Response Summary

2001 - 266
 2002 - 306
 2003 - 345
 2004 - 356
 2005 - 324
 2006 - 286

Transfer Station and Recycling Committee

In September, the Board of Selectpersons voted to combine the “Recycling Committee” with the ad hoc Transfer Station Committee into a new committee, “The Transfer Station and Recycling Committee.” The purpose of the new committee is to oversee the operation of the Transfer Station and Recycling Station, to identify and promote opportunities for improving solid waste management practices and recycling in Belgrade, and to review and recommend changes to existing rules and fees at the Transfer Station. Subsequent to the formation of the Committee the following appointment were made:

Chairperson:

Bruce Galouch

Members:

Ricky Damren, Mike Pooler, Richard Carey,
Jack Sutton, Gregory Keene, Ray Hammond,
Bill Nason and Dennis Keschl

The ad hoc Transfer Station Committee had been reviewing our Transfer Station operations and comparing it to operations of similar facilities in other towns for some time, and had also been working hard to update the operational rules for the facility and to revise the fee schedule for certain materials received by the town. Therefore, in November the new committee recommended revised rules and fee schedule for commercial hauler permits, various types of demolition debris and bulky waste, tires, and white goods deposited at the Transfer Facility. A Public Hearing was held on November 21. As a result of the input that the Committee received, revisions to the rules and fee schedule were made and another Public Hearing was held on December 19. After this Public Hearing, the Board

of Selectpersons adopted the rules and fee schedule. The effective date for the rules was January 1, 2007. However, the effective date for the revised fee schedule was delayed pending the development of an adequate system to collect the fees. The effective date is tentatively scheduled for April 2007. During the year, we also have moved to improve the safety and well-being of our Transfer Facility and Recycling Station staff, including the procurement of a new break room to be put in place in the early part of 2007.

The Committee will continue to work throughout the upcoming year to provide for needed improvements to the facility and to further identify efficiencies that will provide for improved service to our Belgrade citizens at lower costs, including upgrades to the electrical system (using either a 3-phase generator or a large single phase to 3-phase converter); enhancements to the balers that will allow for more efficient operations and baling of tin cans; expansion to the recycling building and improvement to the loading dock for more efficient management of recycled material; acquisition of machinery (either lease or purchase) to better manage baled materials and to assist in facility maintenance; increasing opportunities for staff training; improving storage area for the brush and clean wood pile to allow for chipping and recycling of this material; increased return from the sale of recycled material through market development and research; acceptance of Universal/E-waste at the facility to provide full-service to our citizens; and identifying opportunities to lower tipping fees and hauling costs. We are also seeking to obtain grant funds to analyze our Town’s approach to managing our Municipal Solid Waste now and to recommend the best approach to manage it in the future.

Belgrade Library

Dear Belgrade Citizens,

In January 2006 the Library Board of Trustees voted to move forward with plans to build a larger, centrally located Library. The Building Program Statement, a document outlining the specific library service needs of the Belgrade community through the year 2030, has been finalized with the help of a library consultant. Architectural concept drawings, which will help us to visualize the spaces, will also be completed. The third major planning component will be a fundraising feasibility study. The Friends of Belgrade Public Library have contracted with a consultant for this study, which will be completed by mid-August. The results will indicate our community's ability to support such a project. These planning steps have been financed with donations from Key Bank, Kennebec Savings Bank, Skowhegan Savings Bank, in-kind architectural drawings, the summer kayak raffle (with the help of Belgrade Canoe and Kayak), private donations, and a Davis Family Foundation Grant.

Both the Trustees and the Friends of the Library envision a very busy year ahead. We will continue to raise funds and to share the vision of a new library, one that will incorporate our historical heritage and our environmental legacy as well as a location for community cultural, social and informational events.

We will continue to search for an appropriate central location and will always take into consideration the 1998 Long Range Comprehensive Plan. The plan recommended working toward a central location for consolidation of municipal services including a new town office, public safety facilities, library and a town archive or museum. We encourage your input and your willingness to assist us as we move through this lengthy process. Trustee meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month and the Friends meet on the third Wednesday of the month. Both meetings are held at the Center For All Seasons at 7p.m. Please feel free to contact any one of us for information or if you desire to help with this important project.

Belgrade Public Library 2006 statistics

Card holders	1159
Collection size.....	6004
Items borrowed.....	7412
Interlibrary loans.....	161
Library volunteers hours.....	107

Respectfully submitted,

Library Trustees

Pat Pow, Chair
Ed Salmon, Vice-Chair
Kris Viens, Secretary
Nan Mairs, Treasurer
Harry Colt
Loyce Hayslett

Friends of the Belgrade Public Library

Maureen Newman, President
Linda Bacon, Vice President
Linda Kohl, Secretary
Diane Bourque, Treasurer

Library staff

Marcia Haigh, Library Director
Sandra Fowler, Library Assistant

www.belgrade.lib.me.us

495-3508

Health Officer's Report

Again, this is a reminder to report certain communicable diseases to the local health officer. This is important even when your doctor has reported the illness to the State. The updated list of reportable diseases from the Maine Bureau of Health includes: Animal Rabies, Meningitis, Chicken Pox, Chlamydia, E. Coli, Viral Encephalitis, Giardiasis, Gonorrhea, Invasive Influenza, Hepatitis, HIV Infection, Lyme Disease, Malaria, Mumps, Pertussis, Rubella, Salmonella, Invasive Streptococcal Group A, Syphilis, Tuberculosis and Toxic Shock Syndrome. If you should have questions about any illness or symptoms, contact your personal health care giver or I am available as a resource for you. In order for us to control the spread of such diseases, we must know that they exist in our community.

This school year we have once again seen Conjunctivitis, Strep Throat, Mononucleosis, and Bronchitis, many strains of Flu and Staph infections. PLEASE keep sick children home if they are feverish, coughing, sneezing, vomiting, and having diarrhea or any other symptoms that may expose others to the illness. If they have been to the doctor and are put on an antibiotic be sure that they are on this medicine for 24 hours (from the first dose of antibiotic) before returning to school.

We all need to remember our neighbors and family 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 is a great way to stimulate activity, remind them to eat and provide a conversation to brighten their 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 they would appreciate any donations of food, cash or time.

If there is anything you would like me to address in the newsletter, please leave a message or note for me at the Town Office. I welcome any communication you may send my way.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine Riddle RN, BS, CHES
Belgrade Health Officer

Board of Parks and Recreation

Dear Residents,

The Belgrade Board of Parks and Recreation has had a really great year! Our first year working with the Alford Center has been a definite success. Our new recreation director, Jessica Moore, has really made things start to happen. She tells all about it in her report. We are very lucky to have her and her staff. Thank you Jessica.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our community members for supporting recreation and for allowing us to explore options that made some people uncomfortable. Your decision last year has really paid off and I hope that you will continue your support this year. We are planning to enter into a new contract for the upcoming year. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

See you at town meeting!

Sincerely,
Jean Saucier, Interim Chair
Belgrade Board of Parks & Recreation

Animal Control Officer Report

As Animal Control Officer I would like to thank the residents of Belgrade for a relatively smooth year.

I would like to take this opportunity to give you a short version of my role as your Animal Control Officer. By enforcing State Animal Welfare laws and Town ordinances pertaining to animals, whether house pets or domesticated farm animals, I am here to help the communities deal with problems caused by animals. Services I perform range from enforcing licensing and vaccination requirements, rescuing injured animals, controlling stray and potentially dangerous animals roaming at large, animal bites and handling cruelty and neglect complaints which may also involve working with

other local agencies to protect all members of families, both two-legged and four-legged.

Dog Bites	4
Animal Welfare Complaints	11
Strays.....	26

A Special "Thanks" to Jane & Chip Ridky for help on the Rabies Clinic.

Kathleen Ross
Animal Control Officer

Rabies Facts

What is Rabies?

Rabies is a deadly disease that attacks the nervous system. The virus lives in the saliva of infected animals. Rabies is fatal once it reaches the brain.

The rabies virus only infects mammals, which puts pets, livestock, wildlife, and people at risk.

How is rabies spread?

The Rabies virus is spread mainly through bites from infected animals. The disease can also be spread when infected saliva comes in contact with open wounds, skin breaks, or mucous membranes. Most often, domestic animals such as dogs, cats, and farm animals pick up the virus from wild or stray animals. Animals most commonly affected include raccoons, skunks, bats, and foxes.

How to Protect Yourself and Your Family

Avoid contact with all wild animals. Never feed a wild animal or take it into your house. Stay away from strays and other people's pets. Report strays to your local health department or animal control officer.

How to Protect Your Pets

Have your pets vaccinated. See your veterinarian for information about rabies immunizations and required booster shots. If you can't afford vaccinations, many areas have clinics that offer discounted shots for pets.

Never feed your pets outdoors and do confine them to your property.

Act on any attack or dog bite suffered by your pet. Immediately contact your veterinarian and animal control authority.

The Signs of Rabies

"Dumb Rabies"- The animal may become shy or hide. This may be followed by sluggishness, confusion, and depression.

"Furious Rabies"- The animal may become excitable and aggressive. It can go from being confused and calm to immediately attacking.

Other signs include:

- Daytime activity in animals normally active at night
- Staggering, weakness, and paralysis
- A change in the sound of the animal's voice
- Inability to eat or drink
- Drooling
- Convulsions

What to do if you are bitten

1. Wash the wound thoroughly with warm, soapy water.
2. If the animal is wild, confine it, if possible, and call the local animal control authorities or local law enforcement officials.
3. If the animal is a pet, get the owner's name and address and ask for proof of rabies vaccination.
4. Call your physician at once.
5. Report the bite to local health and animal control officials

Belgrade Historical Society

What began as an interesting idea back in the spring of 2002 between a few area people has taken root and we are now into our fifth year. That idea was to resurrect the local Historical Society, and maintain it as a charitable, non-profit organization.

Our mission has been to identify, collect and preserve data, material objects and oral narratives concerning the history of Belgrade and the surrounding areas historically linked to it. Our ultimate goal is to someday have a location to house these materials where it would be accessible to the general public, including researchers, in the study of the area's history and to also act as an educational tool to anyone interested.

Meetings are generally held on the fourth Wednesday of the month, with the exception of November and December. The majority of meetings are held at the Center for All Seasons, in Belgrade Lakes and are advertised in the local newspapers, as well as the town calendar. We do try to have programs of interest, which include guest speakers, videos and even a field trip or two! Programs this past year have included: A presentation by noted artist Thomas Merriam, Paula Work, the Curator of Natural History, at the Maine State Museum, spoke with our group, and Carl Yeaton recently informed us of his on-going project to reorganize the records for the Woodside and Pine Grove Cemeteries. We were able once again to do the Boat Tour of Great Pond and participated in this year's Festival of Trees organized by the Belgrade Lakes Business Group.

Guests are always welcome and we are gladly accepting new members. Membership fees are \$10.00 per household.

FMI please contact: Nancy Mairs (465-7924)
or Kathie Bangs (495-2487)

In search of...Belgrade Municipal Records

A number of our municipal records are missing. In large part this is due to the nature of how our municipal government functioned for most of our municipal existence, i.e., Belgrade citizens acting in official positions, either elected or as a volunteer. In order to fulfill the functions of their office, they often took and kept official records in their residence. Most of these records were passed on to the next incumbent for the position and ultimately found their way to our Town Office. Unfortunately, in some cases, records were not returned for any number of reasons. However, even some of these records have been recovered, e.g., Town Meeting records from the mid-1800's were ready to be landfilled, until a person with a sharp eye, realized their importance and recovered them and returned them to the Town.

Therefore, we are making the following appeal, "If you or any member of your family has been involved in municipal government in either an elected, appointed, or volunteer position, would you please sort through your records to help us locate some of our official and historical records."

Town Historian's Report *The Taylor Home and Orchard*

The stone house on the north slope of Belgrade Hill (1 mile north of the intersection of Routes 8 and 11) lost its owner last fall, and Belgrade lost a humble, conscientious steward of the property. Oral Page was a 7th generation Page in this town. When he and his wife Connie moved to the house in 1954 they respectfully retained original features wherever they could. The old apple orchard was given the same loving care, as Oral grafted and pruned old trees and set out a variety of new ones.

Farms had apple trees because every farmer made cider, the universal beverage, from the time of the first settlements. Samuel Taylor had settled the large tract of land that stretched from Salmon Lake nearly to Snow Pond. He became the first minister of the Belgrade Quaker meeting from 1801,

well respected as a town Selectman, Treasurer, library trustee, and State Representative.

Samuel's son Joseph was born in 1804, and during his growing-up years on that tract of land farmers in Central Maine were learning that apples could be a profitable crop. Agricultural societies, the newspaper *Maine Farmer*, and regional agricultural fairs were promoting the newest methods and the best varieties and strains of crops and critters. During the 1800's Kennebec County was at the heart of Maine's increasing apple production.

In 1857 when Quaker preacher Joseph Taylor was building his stone house, an orchard was surely already established, and just as surely it included some of the varieties that Geneva Fitch remembers on Bickford Hill, also

in North Belgrade. "Most everybody had apples," she says. Her grandparents' trees were old when she was a child. She recalls quite a few Baldwin trees, Russets, Thompsons, and especially the beautiful autumn variety Maiden Blush right by the door – all varieties that were grown in the early 1800's in central Maine. Maiden Blush, for example, was being sold by a nursery around 1812, as was the Baldwin, perhaps the best-known variety in local orchards and a firm winter keeper.

Joseph married a Quaker woman and followed in his father's footsteps as a preacher, local official and one of the most progressive fruit growers in Kennebec County, planting or grafting dozens of apple varieties. In 1865 the *Tenth Annual Report of the Maine Board of Agriculture* says of Joseph Taylor: "formerly an active and interested member of the Society, one of its founders, we believe, was present...after six years absence, with a very fine display of apples and pears, tastefully arranged and crowned with a beautiful bouquet of autumn leaves...He presented 25 varieties of grafted fruit, many of them choice and rare, and seven varieties of pears. He earned the first premium on apples of all kinds, also on pears and grapes."

In 1875 Joseph Taylor commented that perhaps he had too many varieties, some 60. The next year he entered the "best basket of wild flowers" and 52 varieties of apples including "locally famous apples, several of which originated" in Belgrade. We know that the orchard included Sops of Wine (also grown by his father 50 years before), Rhode Island Greenings, and Sheldon pears. Oral Page's daughter Susan adds Miltons and a Mother apple to the list.

Louisa Taylor, the youngest of Joseph's seven children, was born in 1850. "Miss L.L. Taylor" and her father were life members of the Maine Pomological Society for many years. Joseph died in 1882, but Louisa continued to manage the orchard and exhibited fruits. In 1892, C. M. Weston, with 2,000 apples trees and 400 pear trees (brick Cape on West Road), and Miss L.L. Taylor, both of Belgrade, were "among the largest orchards and most intelligent, progressive fruit growers in the county." An old photograph shows many barrels of apples, probably Baldwins, being hauled to the North Belgrade railroad station, thence to Boston and then by boat to Europe. Thousands of barrels went from Belgrade orchards.

The Baldwin had become Maine's leading market variety of apples by about 1850, despite earlier warnings of the tree's tenderness to cold. High land and a north slope seemed to suit it best, and it prospered most years in Belgrade. After the turn of the century the apple business became gradually more difficult for Maine growers, with increasing competition from other varieties and areas, and a demand for statewide quality control in the marketing. Extreme winter weather in 1933-4 caused devastating, widespread loss of the aging Baldwin trees. Overnight, the apple industry was changed forever in our State.

Louisa Taylor died in 1929. She is buried in Pine Grove Cemetery. Her parents, Joseph and Phebe Taylor are buried in the Quaker Cemetery.

Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons

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In April, 2006, the Town of Belgrade and the Waterville Boys and Girls Club and YMCA at the Alford Youth Center formed a very unique and positive partnership. As a satellite program of the Club, we are fortunate to be affiliated with and have access to many professional resources.

Recreation can increase community pride, build self esteem, create family unity and offer social interaction. Through programs, events, meetings and celebrations, we will be able to develop strong minds, strong hearts and hence a strong community. The Belgrade Community deserves to have a safe place to go that has consistent hours and dependable, approachable staff. I am pleased to announce that **Winter hours** have been established as Monday–Friday 10:00am-7:00pm and Saturdays 1-5pm. **Summer hours** are Monday–Friday



7:00am-5:00pm and weekends will be available for Summer Rentals. As our programs expand, we hope to be open seven days a week and expand hours.

Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons, continued



Remember, we are here to serve you!

New programs have encouraged community spirit and healthy attitudes. Beginners Dance Lessons, Karate, Co-ed Volleyball, Hatha Yoga, 55 & Alive, Craft Club, Basketball, Toddler Time, Home School Hour, Scrap-booking, Gymnastics, Square Dancing and Open Gym are some of the programs that were hosted at the Community Center in 2006. Rentals held at the Community Center included Weddings, Birthday parties, Anniversary parties, Memorial gatherings, Christmas parties, Baby Showers, Bridal Showers, School outings, Concerts, Fundraisers, Seminars and Business Trainings. The facility also served as a host for Community gatherings such as Girl Scout meetings, Cub Scout & Pack meetings (and sleepovers), the Messalonskee High School Prom, Field Trips, Messalonskee Youth Basketball practices and games, Town Voting and the Red Cross Blood Drive. Several Community Organizations used the facility including the Belgrade Lakes Regional Business Group, Belgrade Lakes Association, Belgrade Fire and Rescue, Town Selectmen, Library Board of Trustees, Friends of the Library, Belgrade Alumni Association, Belgrade Historical Society and the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance. Community Events this year included the April Easter Egg Hunt, the 4th of July Celebration, the Annual Bean Hole Supper, the First Annual "Boat for Kids and Lobster Bake", Annual Community Gathering, Octoberfest, Halloween Party and the first annual "Movie Night with Santa". A February Valentines Father/Daughter Dance will be held on February 9, 2007 and the Mother Son Dance will be held on May 11, 2007 to celebrate Mother's Day. The Annual Talent show will be held on March 10, 2007.

148 children registered for the 2006 summer camp! The average attending per day was 71. Campers were kept busy with swim lessons, structured sports, arts & crafts and weekly trips (Chuck E. Cheese was added to this year's travels!). We offered infant swim lessons, senior water aerobic classes and daily community swim hours. Every session we offered Gymnastics. We had a Basketball Camp hosted by a University of Maine Basketball Coach. Judy Pancoast treated us to a day of musical entertainment. We were visited by a few llamas. We held a fishing derby and learned canoe and kayak safety. Our special guests were the Belgrade Lakes Association and the Department of Environmental Protection. Thanks go to the two organizations for educating our children about water conservation and the importance of protecting our Belgrade Lakes.

Our After School program has expanded and registered 32 participants. The after school program provides homework help, structured sports, arts and crafts and a healthy snack. The participants take the bus from the Belgrade Central School and parents pick up their children before 5:30pm. Our thanks go out to the Alford Youth Center and New Balance Corporation. Because of their generous donation, each one of the participants in our after school program will receive a new pair of sneakers (sizes limited- first come first serve, supplies limited). For more details call the Community Center.

There are now two treadmills at the Community Center that are available to use anytime there is NOT an activity or meeting in the social room. Just call in advance and come for a great cardiovascular workout! If you prefer to walk in the gym, there is time! Walking hours are Monday/ Wednesday/ Friday 11-3pm. The Belgrade Community Center for all Seasons is now partnered with the Healthy Maine Partnership of Greater Waterville. The facility and grounds are a Tobacco Free Area.

My mission is to serve the entire community of Belgrade, while offering recreational, cultural, educational and social activities. The staff at the Belgrade Community Center encourage all Belgrade residents to take advantage of our facility and its programs.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Moore, Director

Belgrade Cemetery Committee Report

A little more than 700 monuments/markers were cleaned and 98 monuments in Woodside and Pine Grove Cemeteries were repaired in 2006. The contractor selected for monument/marker work in 2006 cleaned and repaired monuments in the old Quaker Cemetery as a bonus with no cost to the Town.

Bushes and shrubs that have been planted on graves and have not been kept trimmed by the people who planted them continue to cause problems. Without care, bushes and shrubs obscure monuments and their roots tend to heave monuments and head markers. For this reason, the Sexton will remove bushes and shrubs that are not being controlled by trimming, in 2007.

Three new cemetery rules have been adopted: One, each burial space in a lot can contain one casket or up to three cremation remains; Two, a casket or a cremation container



must be in an approved vault for burial; and Three, head and lot corner markers must be installed flush with the ground so mowing equipment can pass over them. A complete listing of cemetery rules can be obtained at the Town Office.

Lot owners or descendants are encouraged to place lots under perpetual care. Perpetual care provides for seeding, fertilizing, timely mowing, trimming around monuments, cleaning

monuments and filling of graves that may have sunken spaces. Moving or straightening monuments, trimming of trees/shrubs, preparing raised beds on a lot or tending flowers is not included under perpetual care.

Respectfully submitted,
Belgrade Cemetery Committee

Report of Lot Assignments and Payments for Perpetual Care or Flowers in Perpetuity in 2006 for Belgrade Cemeteries

Donald Allen	\$100	P4-R10-L9S2SP	Donald Allen
Richard & Jan Bourne	\$300	P3-R3-L12N6SP	Richard & Jan Bourne
Timothy J. Comeford	\$100	P3-R3-L12S2SP	Timothy J. Comeford
Eric Carrigan	\$100	P4-R7-L17	Eric Carrigan
John Hanley	\$400	P1-R12-L35	John Hanley
Robert Hoy	\$100	P3-R3-L25N2SP	Robert Hoy
Hubbard Minot	\$400	P2-R6-L27	Constance Minot Lindquist
John Clair Minot	\$400	P2-R2-L2	Constance Minot Lindquist
*George E. Minot	\$050	Woodside #81	Constance Minot Lindquist
*George L. Minot	\$050	P1-R6-L27	Constance Minot Lindquist
*Hubbard Minot	\$100	P2-R6-L27	Constance Minot Lindquist
*John Clair Minot	\$100	P2-R2-L2	Constance Minot Lindquist
*J. Lawrence Minot	\$050	P2-R4-L16	Constance Minot Lindquist
*John S. Minot	\$050	Woodside #141	Constance Minot Lindquist
Olivier, Joyce & Joseph	\$100	P1-R15-L32S2SP	Joyce & Joseph Olivier
Robert & Edith Thompson	\$100	P4-R3-L6S1/2	Edith Thompson
Robert Wilson	\$ 50	P4-R6-L17	Robert Wilson

*Indicates Flowers in Perpetuity

Don C. Stevens Trust Fund Advisory Committee Report

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

One way this is accomplished is to extend our students' artistic and cultural experiences. This past year we have had live theater performances, a puppetry residency, a dance and movement residency, a watercolor residency, and a sculpting residency. Our students get great training during these experiences, which expose them to acting, prop and costume preparation, as well as creating paintings, sculptures, and performances themselves.

The Trust helps fund field trips, support for which continues to be needed. Our students are able to visit places such as the Norlands, Sturbridge Village, Old Fort Western, the Children's Discovery Museum, and the Maine State Museum. These trips extend students' learning greatly beyond their classrooms.

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.

We will offer after school robotics and art workshops for students this year, as well as a summer art program.

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), Amy Perkins, Jill Mackenzie,
Frank Fekete and Linda Sprague

Don C. Stevens Trust Expenditures and Proposed 2007 Budget

		2006 Proposed	2006 Spent	2007 Proposed
General	Miscellaneous	\$500	\$497.16	\$500
Art	Teacher Supplies	\$1000	\$935.86	\$1000
	Laminator	\$ 500	\$519.52	\$ 500
	Ellison Letter Machine	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000
Enrichment	PCAC	\$6500	\$6417.75	\$7500
	Technology Resources	\$ 400	\$ 400.00	\$ 800
	Art Enrichment	\$1500	\$1010.00	\$2000
Math/Science	Materials	\$ 500	\$2015.00	\$2200
Field Trips		\$2200	\$2015.00	\$2200
Reading/Writing	References	\$ 500	\$ 492.70	\$ 500
	Library	\$1500	\$825.00	\$1500
	Kennebec Valley Book Awards	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
	Pride Books	\$ 400	\$ 242.18	\$ 400
	Supplemental	\$2000	\$1808.04	\$2000
TOTAL		\$18,700	\$16,536.88	\$20,800

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 2006 school year, the Robert A Guptill Historical Fund was used for a Gr 2 field trip to Old Fort Western, as well as a deposit for Gr 5 to Old Sturbridge Village and ½ the fee for the 5th Grade Field trip 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.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Haney, Principal
Belgrade Central School

Interest and Disbursements of the 2006 year

December 2006	Ending Balance	\$2,805.14
Gr.2 Field Trip	Old Fort Western	-261.10
Gr.5 Field Trip Deposit	Old Sturbridge Village	- 50.00
Gr.5 Field Trip	Old Sturbridge Village	-310.50
Deposit 11/30/06	Deposit-Annual Interest	<u>+407.30</u>
		\$2,590.84

Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group

The mission statement for this group is to promote our region of the Belgrade Lakes Region 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. It is also the mission of this group to give back to the community and we do this through sponsoring the events of the region throughout the year for all ages.

The Region consists of the watershed towns of the Belgrade area, which include the following towns: Belgrade, Mercer, Oakland, Rome, Sidney, Smithfield and Mount Vernon.

The Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group has a strong focus on community involvement and activities within this region. We hold a strong focus with a prominent role in the annual activities of the group as we sponsor the following activities: Belgrade's annual daylong celebration of the 4th of July festivities; October Fest; Christmas Stroll along Main Street.

The Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group has 75 members and growing. Anyone interested in becoming a member please visit our web site at www.belgradelakesmaine.com. Offices and directors are listed below:

President Gail Rizzo/Lakepoint Real Estate
Vice-Pres. Charlie Grover/Village Inn

Secretary Susan Littlefield/Willow Run Bed Biscuit & Bath
Treasurer Paul Stewart/Castlenorth Real Estate

Directors:

Chris Anderson/Wings Hill Inn, Polly Beatie/Among the Lakes B&B, Peg Churchill/Bear Spring Camps, Deb Gardner/Great Pond Marina, Lorne McMillan/the Pressey House, Diane Oliver/Day's Store, Laura Richter/Four Seasons Cottages, Karen Swan/The Enchanted Swan

We continue to update the website. We produced a regional map highlighting activities, access roads, highways as well as listing the regional businesses on the back of the map. This map has been very well received by our members as well as the public.

All of our members appreciate the continued support of the community, with special thanks to all of the volunteer organizations that assist us with our events. We are looking forward to another successful year.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Rizzo, President
Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group

Superintendent's Report

January 19, 2007

Dear Belgrade Residents,

What a difference a year makes. Rome is considering joining the District. As you know, Rome is paying our school district as if it were already a member. You also know that we have been educating Rome's children for generations. It's as if, after a very long courtship, it's time to tie the knot! This March, Rome voters will decide if they want to join Belgrade, Oakland and Sidney as an official voting member of the Messalonskee School District. If Rome citizens say yes, then District residents get the opportunity to vote as well. If the majority of District voters say yes, it becomes official.

What a difference a year makes. Waterville and MSAD 47 School Boards have agreed to enter into talks regarding increased cooperation and possible consolidation of our two school systems. Why? The superintendent in Waterville, Eric Haley, and I believe that the two school systems have similar goals for our students, and that together we can continue to offer great programming for children more cost effectively than we can alone. I believe those to be the same reasons MSAD 47 was formed by Belgrade, Oakland, and Sidney in 1965. Currently, Waterville and Messalonskee have combined our Adult Education programs under one administrator, we have the food service program now run by a single administrator, and all bus maintenance for both systems is done by MSAD 47. What's driving this change? The ever-increasing cost of education and the ever-decreasing student enrollment forces all of us to think beyond traditional borders. The discussions begin this January 2007. Any move to merge the two school systems will be presented to the voters for approval sometime in the future, following the same process outlined for Rome above.

What a difference a year makes. Governor Baldacci has presented a sweeping proposal to eliminate every school system in Maine and remake them into 26 regional school systems. The Messalonskee School District would no longer exist, nor would the Waterville School System, MSAD 49 (Fairfield) and School Union 52 (Winslow). Regional School Community 14 would replace the four school systems. You as a voter would have no vote in the matter, as the Governor has reserved that privilege to the Maine Legislature.

As many of you know, I have been and continue to be a strong supporter of school consolidation. However, I am not a supporter of the Governor's plan for several reasons. First, I do not believe it is good for children. Forcing consolidation of towns that do not wish to be joined will create a negative dynamic. The new larger school system would spend most of its initial years working through organization issues rather

than educational issues. Second, the Governor proposes only 26 school systems. Many of you, like me, know Maine well. We have worked in areas of the state that are extremely rural, where the roads are very poor, and there are great distances between schools and towns. The Governor's proposal will create great hardships in Washington County where he proposes only two school districts and Waldo County where he proposes only one school system for the entire county! Third, the Governor's proposal creates school systems that are incredibly huge, one with nearly 20,000 students! How can a school system that large respond to the needs of students effectively? Fourth, the Governor wants his plan done within 18 months, a ridiculously short timeline to effectively institute change of this magnitude.

I support consolidation using the process we've used with Rome and Waterville that involved a thoughtful, voluntary joining of like minded towns and systems, where the voters of the communities have the right through voting to say yes or no, and where time is provided to think through the reasons for joining or not joining.

What a difference a year makes. Messalonskee sent 89% of her students on to some form of post-secondary placement. This is an incredible achievement for a public school system, representing one of the high placement rates in the state. Messalonskee High School students are taking college courses while in high school. We project that 177 college credits will be earned by our students during this school year.

Our middle school has two major on-going initiatives. First, a literacy program that is funded by a three-year, \$50,000 a year grant to boost reading scores of our struggling readers called the "Reading as Fame Program". Second, an anti-bullying program, also funded by a grant was started in the fall of 2006.

Our elementary staff's literacy efforts are far more coordinated. We now have literacy specialists assisting classroom teachers at all levels. The middle level program and the high school program are more closely linked to the elementary program to insure that all children in the District receive a quality literacy program.

What a difference a year makes. This year marks my 10th year of service (April 8, 2007) and I want to thank all of you for those 10 years.

With many thanks,
Dr. James C. Morse, Sr.
Superintendent, MSAD 47

Belgrade-Rome Special Needs Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is located at the Belgrade Town Office and is open every Tuesday from 9AM -11AM for residents of Belgrade and Rome.

Its purpose is to provide food and select household items for individuals and families who are experiencing difficulty in providing for themselves, for a variety of reasons.

In 2006, we served 56 families representing 161 individuals. We had 29 new families within the total of 56 and several families have children under the age of 10. Many of the families receive food every four weeks while others utilized our service once or twice. For the entire calendar year of 2006, we served these families 247 times, feeding 586 individuals.

We are able to do this through the support and generosity of many people and organizations. Fundraisers, food drives, monetary donations and area churches are our major sources of support. We also continue to receive commodities from the USDA and matching grant funds from the Good Shepherd Food Bank in Auburn. We are very grateful to everyone who has supported the work and mission of the Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry is also pleased to have many volunteers to assist in its operations- countless tasks are performed to keep things running smoothly and this dedication is so appreciated. A "Thank you" to all of the volunteers- past and present.

In conclusion, I must acknowledge the work of Marie Pulsifer, who retired in September. Her vision, commitment and leadership were instrumental in the development and growth of the Food Pantry. Her contributions were many and many families benefited from her efforts.

Respectfully

Linda Hale

Vicky Bedard, Secretary

Ken Weaver, Treasurer

Joan Tripp, Volunteer Coordinator

Barbara Smith, Publicity

Board Members

Jan Bourne, Reno Deschaine, Maureen Maslak, Betty Weaver

BRCA Milfoil Committee

Maggie Shannon, Chair

*Another "save" for the
BRCA Milfoil Committee!*

***"We'll chalk up another amazing snag for the BRCA
Courtesy Inspector Program!"***

That's how the Maine Center for Invasive Aquatic Plants (MCIAP) told us that DNA testing showed that the plant fragments removed by Inspector Jon Dumont from a boat entering East Pond on July 16th were variable leaf milfoil.

This is the second "save" by one of our inspectors. Lea Ramirez, who intercepted Eurasian Water Milfoil on Labor Day, 2004, was recognized by Governor John Baldacci for her "extraordinary stewardship."

*2006 Courtesy Boat
Inspection Report*

The public boat launch sites on the Belgrade chain of ponds were monitored by 41 paid and volunteer inspectors between Memorial and Labor Day this summer. Inspectors logged 3927 hours and inspected 5,230 boats. Area lake associations, who pay for hired inspectors, paid out \$32,600.52 this year.

2006 Invasive Plant Surveys

Finding new introductions of milfoil and other alien plants before they become established is key to preventing the costly damage they inflict. Accordingly, we've built a team of trained inspectors who survey the most vulnerable areas of our lakes each summer. This group has inspected East, Great, Long, North, Salmon and the Belgrade Stream above Wings Mill Dam for 4 years, now. No invasive aquatic plants have been found yet. These surveys are a lot of fun, by the way. If you'd like to join us on one of them next year, please leave a message for Maggie Shannon at the BRCA office: 495-6039.

*Warmest Thanks to the
Citizens of Belgrade*

None of this would have been possible without the help of Belgrade citizens. All of us on the Milfoil Committee wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the citizens of Belgrade for your support of the program that oversees these boat inspections and lake surveys each year.

Our best wishes to all of you in the New Year
BRCA Milfoil Committee

Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance

BRCA may be unique in Maine in that it has two functions: as a land trust and as a conservation cooperative. 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 many 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,

- The Watershed Program worked hard on water quality protection projects, including several on Long Pond, Great Pond, Messalonskee Lake and Salmon-McGrath Lake. We secured new grants to begin a project on East Pond and preparations for more work in the watershed of Long Pond, which has developed significant water quality problems.
 - The youth Conservation Corps continues to prosper. This year, 11 projects were completed in Belgrade. After more than eleven years, the Conservation Corps has completed over 451 projects, almost a third of them in Belgrade. Hiring area young people to do conservation projects does good not just for the environment: it brings in outside money in grants, gets private investment in projects, and trains many, many young people in the conservation ethic and the value of hard work.
 - Lake associations did thousands of voluntary boat inspections to protect our lakes from Milfoil and other invasive plants...more than any other group in the state! Many volunteers gave up their time to expand the services this year.
- New land was conserved for us all to enjoy: a new conservation easement was added in Belgrade, projects to expand the Kennebec Highlands are well along, and a new hiking trail loop was completed on the Mt Phillip land. Several more projects are imminent. All of this was completed with private money and with conservation-minded landowners. These projects take on new urgency as the pace of development and loss of open areas increases in Belgrade and surrounding towns. BRCA keeps its conservation lands open for the public, including hunting, hiking, and other uses.

We are especially proud that we now have almost 800 members. Their volunteer efforts and donations, along with the support of all our area towns including Belgrade, make this work. There are many more projects on the drawing board for 2007. **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

6039-6039 P.O. Box 250, Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918

Belgrade Tree Warden Report

What an amazing year 2006 was for the trees in Belgrade. Thanks to the support of the Selectboard and a strong interest in seeing trees properly managed in our community, the Belgrade Tree Committee was established in the Spring of 2006. This committee of volunteers are true movers and shakers in our community. Chaired by Kristie Wood, the Tree Committee has accomplished a "tree-mendous" amount. A brief overview includes:

- Grant recipient for a Project Canopy grant
- Trees planted along Main Street as well as the entrance to Loon Cove;
- Hosting of a Master Tree Educational Program;
- Training of volunteers for proper tree care
- Reclaiming of Hayden Park plantings
- Working collaboratively with the Cemetery Committee and Road Commissioner
- Our own web site at www.belgrademaine.com (look under Tree Committee!)
- Caring for the new trees planted in the community!
- Helping to raise awareness about the importance of trees in our community

As Town Tree Warden, I am thrilled with the energy, enthusiasm and dedication that our Tree Committee has. Thanks to all of you, John Blasenak, Norma Blazer, Sylvia Coulombe, Sue Gawler, Loyce Hayslett, Phil Sprague, John Willey, Kristie and Doug Wood. And a special thanks to our volunteers at the tree planting from the Belgrade Girl Scout Troop #1599, family volunteers and Loon Cove residents.

2007 looks like it's going to be a great year!



Belgrade Draggin' Masters Snowmobile Club

My report this year will be short as there is not too much to update townspeople on.

Because of new development, the club members re-routed the trail near the Wings Mills Dam. Thanks to Skip Hammond, his granddaughter, and several other landowners, we were able to cut a new trail that is a big improvement over the old.

We continue to make repairs to our bridges, keep the trails clear and open, bush hog the trails, put up signs and drag the trails when the ground is frozen and there is snow for grooming. Unfortunately, this year we have not been out dragging trails due to lack of snow and plenty of mud.

I personally wish to thank all the hard-working Club members. We had great fun this year with our Club's family members at our now annual Club cookout. It was held at Rat Mill Pond with many members and their families 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, 2007 for our cookout this year and encourage other Belgrade sled owners to join us in the fun. Conditions permitting, it will be held at Rat Mill Pond. Check in with us on an alternate location if the lack of snow continues.

On behalf of the Club, I wish to thank all landowners. We appreciate your generosity in allowing us to cross your land and maintain the trails. To show our appreciation, we invite all landowners and their families to attend our annual spaghetti supper. This year it will be held on April 7, 2007. We will be serving a complete spaghetti supper including all the fixings. Attendance at the suppers has been increasing over the past two years that we have been holding the event, but we would very much like to see a big turnout this year. We will be sending out reminder letters closer to this event. At the supper, we are open to discussing any matter you may wish to present. However, should you have any problems or concerns during the season, feel free to contact me at (207) 495-3445. I or another club member will be sure we give immediate attention to your concerns.

Again, thanks to all townspeople for your continued support- Happy trails/riding to all.

Sincerely

Lou Ashland

U.S. Senator Susan M. Collins

Dear Friends,

As you gather for your Annual Town Meeting, I welcome this opportunity to share some of the work that has made me proud to represent the people of Belgrade and all of Maine in the United States Senate.

As Chairman of the Senate Homeland Security Committee, I am pleased to report that Congress made real progress in 2006 to protect our nation, including major legislation that I coauthored to improve the security of America's seaports. I also led a bipartisan effort to pass chemical security legislation that, for the first time, requires security measures at more than 3,400 chemical facilities nationwide.

Following the flawed response to Hurricane Katrina, the Homeland Security Committee conducted the most extensive investigation in its history, and I coauthored legislation that reorganizes and reunites the federal government's preparedness and response capabilities to meet the challenges of all aspects of emergency management.

Congress last year passed many pieces of legislation I authored to improve health care, assist those in need, protect our environment, support our economy and our workers, and strengthen our nation's defenses. The Older Americans Act includes my amendment to establish transportation services for America's seniors. I led the successful fight to reject proposed cuts in Medicare home health and hospice payments, and to prevent prescription drug plans from removing a drug from their formulary during the plan year. I have secured increased funding for diabetes and Alzheimer's research, and for support services for patients and their families.

In 2006, I helped secure a record level of funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and Congress renewed the tax deduction I authored for teachers who spend their own money on classroom supplies and my renewable energy tax credit. The landmark Postal Reform legislation I coauthored will ensure affordable rates and preserve universal service. Major Defense bills include my provisions to help secure the future of Bath Iron Works and the jobs of our skilled shipbuilders.

I remain committed to doing all that I can to address your community's concerns on the federal level. If I may be of assistance to you in any way, I encourage you to contact my Augusta office at 622-8414.

Sincerely

Susan M Collins
United States Senator

State Senator Walter Gooley, District 18

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As we enter the 123rd Legislature, I would like to tell you what an honor it is to serve as your State Senator. You have trusted me with representing you in Augusta, and I look forward to effectively fulfilling this responsibility, and working for the changes that our Belgrade neighbors, and all the people of Maine, desire and deserve. I look forward to continue protecting the rural nature of this district and preserving the life style that we enjoy.

On November 7th, voters demanded that issues be dealt with so that Mainers can keep more of their income and better provide for their families. I was sent to Augusta to address these issues, and to help make some real and tangible changes for the people of Belgrade. That is exactly what I intend to do.

In the 123rd Legislature, the Senate is nearly split down the middle- 18 Democrats and 17 Republicans. It will take some quality teamwork and effective leadership to make real changes.

The biennial State Budget will be the first order of business in the new legislative session. This budget has the potential to be the roadmap to make Maine an economically sound state once again. Right now, we have \$570 million that has been committed to services and programs without the available funds to pay for them, \$500+ million currently owed to Maine hospitals, and nearly \$80 million due to Maine schools and classrooms. All of these obligations must be met without increasing the burden on Mainers. We can do it, but it's going to take a lot of long nights and pots of coffee, and both parties in the legislature working together to get things done.

As I write this in late January, Governor Baldacci's budget proposal to consolidate school districts and eliminate local school boards is a big issue facing the Legislature. The plan would reduce the current 290 school districts statewide down to just 26 large regional districts. While we must find administrative savings, I will fight any negative impact on local control and on the future of rural education.

Once again, thank you for allowing me to represent you in Augusta. I'm very excited to serve the people of Belgrade. Please let me know if I can ever be of any assistance to you. I can be reached at my Senate office by calling 287-1505, at home by calling 778-2368 or e-mailing wgooley@gwi.net.

Sincerely

Walter R Gooley

State Senator

District 18

Representative Abby Holman, District 83

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February 2007

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

As I begin my first legislative term, I wish to thank all of my constituents in House District 83 for sending me to Augusta to represent your interests at the State House. I look forward to addressing the challenges that lie ahead; and I hope to hear from you throughout the session as your input is welcomed and truly appreciated.

Difficult decisions must be made and I am already tackling the issues that are of particular concern in our state. I have submitted several bills designed to improve our state economy. These bills include proposals to return our state to responsible budgeting practices, reduce our property taxes through support of local education, require cost savings in health care to be passed onto policyholders, and implement a conservation program that will preserve our working rural landscape. The Maine Legislature must apply new policies to break down the longstanding challenges of finding prosperity in Maine so that our citizens can continue to live, work and raise a family in this great state.

I have been assigned to the Joint Committee on Judiciary, and will serve as the ranking Republican. As such, I will be intimately involved in negotiations dealing with issues such as Judicial nominations, the Judicial system organization and budget; Maine Tort Claims Act; child protection; family law; child support; adoption; reproductive rights; civil rights; property rights; the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act; and freedom of access, confidentiality and privacy laws. Additionally, I will be working on the Joint Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs. This committee oversees such matters as liquor laws; lottery; gambling; harness racing; election laws; campaign financing; veterans' programs; and the Maine National Guard.

As the First Regular Session progresses, I encourage you to visit the Legislature's website at <http://janus.state.me.us/house/homepage.htm> for up-to-date bill status information, public hearing dates and roll call votes on legislation that are of interest to you. I am in the process of posting a Website that will provide information to you about the important issues to House District 83 – www.repholman.com. Our representative form of government works best when we all get involved. Rest assured that I will work diligently on behalf of the people of Belgrade. Please feel free to contact me whenever you have questions, thoughts or concerns you wish to share regarding state government. It is an honor to be your voice at the Legislature.

Sincerely,
Abby Holman
State Representative

District 83 ~ Belgrade, Fayette, Manchester, Mount Vernon and Vienna

Code Enforcement Officer's Report

2006 has proven to be yet another busy year, although the number of building permits was slightly less than 2005's, 121 compared to 148 in 2005.

	2005	2006
Single Family Dwellings	38	34
New Seasonal Homes	2	5
Alterations/Additions	48	34
Garages/Sheds/Acces. Building	35	33
Mobile Homes	5	4
Swimming Pools	3	2
Commercial Structures	2	3
Sitework/Erosion Control	0	0
Carport	1	1
Barns	3	1
Foundations/Retaining Wall	4	1
Manufacturing Plant	1	0
Storage Bldgs. Commercial	1	1
Sunroom	2	0
Boathouse (Repairs)	0	0
Bunkhouses	0	0
Ramp	0	0
Denied	2	1
Withdrew permit	0	1
Permits on hold	0	0
Parking Lot	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	148	121

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 115 Plumbing permits were issued for the year ending December 31, 2006. Of these permits 59 were for external plumbing and 56 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

Town Clerk's Report

Births in 2006

43

Marriages in 2006

23

Deaths in 2006

19

Deaths

Benn, James E	February 20, 2006	57 Years
Chaput, Steven W	April 7, 2006	57 Years
Childs, Kathleen F	February 19, 2006	74 Years
Cooper, Diane R	June 26, 2006	66 Years
Coulombe, Kahlen K.E.J.	May 20, 2006	16 Years
Damren, Gerald L	November 9, 2006	77 Years
Damren, Richard W Sr	March 29, 2006	73 Years
Emmons, Chester O	April 13, 2006	87 Years
Glover, Robert A	April 4, 2006	20 Years
Lachance, James W	December 3, 2006	70 Years
Lessard, Chester J	September 7, 2006	80 Years
Page, Oral D	October 6, 2006	81 Years
Pepper-Morin, Cynthia	December 30, 2006	49 Years
Pfister, Annabelle N	July 13, 2006	70 Years
Sliker, Matthew D	August 1, 2006	26 Years
Stevens, Jeanne M	October 15, 2006	76 Years
Veilleux, Mario C	July 29, 2006	51 Years
Weymouth, Esther M	July 20, 2006	97 Years
Young, Gloria M	August 6, 2006	75 Years

Dog Licensing

Licenses Issued176 Kennel Licenses Issued 3

Fish & Wildlife Licenses Issued

Adult Hunt & Fish Combination.....	314
Adult Hunting.....	103
Archery.....	40
Bear Permits.....	11
Coyote.....	10
Expanded Archery.....	17
Fall Turkey.....	68
Fishing.....	405
Junior Fish.....	12
Junior Hunt.....	38
Migratory Waterfowl.....	39
Muzzle Loading Permit.....	54
Pheasant Stamps.....	0
Servicemen's Fish.....	5
Small Game.....	2
Supersport.....	3
Big Game.....	2
Total.....	1123

Tax Collector's Report

2005 Unpaid Real Property Taxes as of December 31, 2006

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Allain, Jennifer	324.91	Kenney, Cindy	346.06
Bainter, Wayne & Trisha	1,236.50	Lachance, Richard & Marilou	1,426.51
Barnett, Leo E	404.79	Landry, Linda L	872.33
Berube, Gerard & Bonnie L	768.96	Languet, Albert H. & Wendy J	1,543.10
Bickford, Thomas & Paula	873.51	Lathrop, James	263.48
Bonneface, Darlene	198.05	Libby, Keith M & Cecile E	833.41
Breton, Forest	186.30	Maine Central Railroad	597.45
Carpenter, Dana & Tina	2,528.69	Markham, Janice	1,718.13
Carpenter, Dana & Tina	187.47	Marshall, Gilbert	104.07
Childs, Kathleen (Life Estate)	253.49	Merrow, Christopher	892.30
Clewley, Vicki & Timothy	3,408.57	Olha, William R & Jennie	604.49
Cochran, Marion	476.45	Pray, Edna Realty Trust	808.90
Conant, Douglass E & Melissa Rose	650.31	Raynes, David & Lucienne	2,075.25
Cook, Kenneth H & Lisa J	1,319.91	Riley, Charles & Shirley	569.25
Danforth, Veronica	483.51	Sandgren, Carl & Iona	396.97
Davis, Jeffrey & Rebecca	551.63	Sawyer, Carroll	82.92
Davis, Robert W	470.24	Sawyer, Carroll	430.63
D'Ippolito, Maria	308.47	Sawyer, Carroll	913.45
Flanagan, Bartlett & Elaine	3,627.06	Stevens, Ormand	644.44
Frappier, George & Elizabeth	836.53	Stevens, Ormand	44.27
Frappier, David	44.74	Sturk, Suzette	3,948.94
French, Gail & Fred E Sr	660.88	Webster, Jamison	181.59
French, Helen	103.57	Willey, Cecil	623.29
French, Frederick E Jr	175.72	Willis, Michael E	295.55
Grant, Jeffrey R & Michelle M	492.90	Wood, Harvey & Joyce	1,687.59
Green, Wayne	265.00	Wright, Chester D & Karen S	581.00
Harvey, Jane L	273.22		
Howe, Michael R Sr	803.21	TOTAL	\$46,041.39
Hoyt, Bonnie A	1,641.43		

2006 Unpaid Real Property Taxes as of December 31, 2006

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Ainslie, Jay & Debra	603.32	Beaucage, Timothy & Lori	1042.20
AKJ Associates	2618.24	Bergeron, Martha & Jason	152.86
Amik Realty LLC	7401.94	Berry, Mark W	261.71
Ashland, Brian	441.20	Berry, Mark W	1615.41
Aslam, Dru K	1314.33	Berube, Gerard	720.28
Aslam, Dru K	1.16	Bickford, Thomas & Paula	823.34
Atkins, Dianne	865.03	Biegon, Perry Jon & Wendy K	245.50
Bainter, Wayne	1417.39	Biegon, Perry Jon & Wendy K	2739.83
Baker, James H	231.60	Biegon, Perry Jon & Wendy K	248.97
Barejka, Gail	1318.96	Biegon, Perry Jon & Wendy K	246.65
Barnes, Gerald C & Donna J	2232.62	Biegon, Perry Jon & Wendy K	277.92
Bates, Robert S	1180.00	Bond, Lori & Patrick	2617.08

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

2006 Unpaid Real Property Taxes as of December 31, 2006

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Bonneface, Darlene	1197.37	Farris, Jacqueline L	236.23
Bonneface, Darlene	157.49	Fast, David J & Ona	2215.25
Borssen, Arne & Sigrid	1208.95	Feldhouse, Walter B	832.60
Breton, Forest	145.91	Feldmus, Aaron	1159.16
Breton, James W & Jennifer L	3189.13	Ferrara, Rhonda M	2339.16
Brown, Christopher P & Jo A	262.87	Ferre, Christina & Emile	79.27
Buck, Patricia	1563.30	Finlay, Martin S	610.27
Buck, Patricia	922.93	Fitzgerald, David Jr	833.76
Burbank, Cathy	906.71	Flanagan, Bartlett & Elaine	3537.69
Bureau, Kenneth E & Donna R	1954.70	Flannery, Niomi Ruth & Robert	1079.26
Burgess, Chris J	780.27	Fortier, Wayne	1107.05
Burton, Terry A & Claudia J	526.73	Foster, Vernon L Jr Trustee of	5559.56
Carey, Karla & Bouchard Samuel	287.54	Frappier, George & Elizabeth	1076.94
Carpenter, Dana	2454.96	French, Frederick E Jr	128.54
Carpenter, Dana	147.07	French, Gail & Fred E Sr	613.74
CG Development	248.97	French, Helen	649.64
Chaput, Carla	987.77	Gardner, Catherine C	2662.24
Childs, Kathleen (Life Estate)	485.20	Gee, Carol	1255.27
Ciforelli, Robert	1719.63	Gerrie, Mary P	331.19
Clewley, Timothy	1208.95	Goldberg, Ronald M	50.43
Clewley, Vicki	3322.30	Grant, Jeffrey R & Michele M	441.20
Cochran, Marion	431.93	Grant, Shawn	532.68
Collicut, Roy S	1313.17	Grant, Shawn	2097.14
Conant, Douglass & Melissa	596.37	Grant, Shawn	582.47
Cook, Kenneth H & Lisa J	1263.38	Green, Wayne	217.70
Crain, Daniel	1970.92	Hafford, Robert K	1701.10
Crommett, Craig L & Ruth A	1290.01	Hansen, Jennifer	17.37
Daku, Jacob G & Ginger	1049.15	Harvey, Jane	231.60
Damren, Richard & Mayna	88.01	Hauf, Robert C & Muriel	28.00
Damren, Susan	1073.47	Hill, Geoffrey W	3069.86
Danforth, Veronica	431.93	Hilliard, Jessica L	2665.72
Davis, Jeffrey & Rebecca	506.05	Hooper, Lucretia	714.49
Davis, Robert W	475.94	Howe, Michael R Sr	1346.75
Dejong, Russell N	3072.17	Hoyt, Bonnie A	1799.53
Desimone, Michael D	240.86	Hoys Island Homeowners Association	53.27
Dexter, Patrick V	1401.18	Hunt, Bob	1145.26
D'ippolito, Maria	266.34	Jabar, John P Jr	3140.18
Dolak, Robert A & Julia A	297.61	Jabar, Joseph M & Renee	2546.44
Dolak, Robert A & Julia A	1096.63	Jabar, Joseph M & Renee et als	419.20
Ducharme, Edward Jr & Mary W	2378.74	Jabar, Joseph M Jr	1146.42
Edgecomb, Patricia	16.21	Jenney, Spencer & Gardiner, Denise	2647.19
Englewood Realty Trust	2686.56	Johnson, Christopher	32.59
Farina, John P	3574.75	Kadner, Keith J & Stephanie S	1168.42
Farris, Carol & Earl	235.07	Kennebec Camps Jr	8899.83
Farris, Carol & Earl	236.23	Kenney, Cindy	296.45
Farris, Carol & Earl	242.02	Kinney, Kevin C	1336.33
Farris, Carol & Earl	233.92	Knox-Viona, Jane	924.08
Farris, Carol & Earl	264.02	Lachance, Richard & Marilou	1467.19
Farris, Carol & Earl	232.76	Laflamme, Monique	1666.36

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2006 Unpaid Real Property Taxes as of December 31, 2006

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Lafreniere, Gary L & Jean E	57.61	Sawyer, Carroll	386.77
Lafreniere, Lance	1315.49	Sawyer, Carroll	862.71
Lambert, Dawn & Shirley Tammy	1447.50	Schubert, Dean & Valencia	1770.58
Lamoureux, Denise	2480.44	Seifert, Betty L & Walter K	475.94
Landry, Linda L	822.18	Serio, Frank & Pamela	2316.00
Languet, Jon A	1822.69	Shannon, Roger H & Margaret S	312.66
Languet, Wendy J	1483.40	Shepard, Amy	2130.72
Lathrop, James Jr	237.39	Shirley & Lambert Associates	2050.82
Lavenson, Joel	2481.64	Sinclair, Stephen A Sr	189.91
Lee, Jeffrey & David	137.03	Somes, Vicki	822.72
Lee, Jeffrey & David	95.29	Spaulding, Loyal & Marilyn	554.73
Lemelin, Deborah	17.37	Spaulding, Loyal	703.19
Lewis, Don M II	2538.34	Sperrey, Kirk A & Morin, Sherri L	1241.38
Libby, Keith M & Cecile E	943.77	St Pierre, Eric & Stacy	1955.86
Little, Rosemarie	943.77	Stevens, Betsy	1482.24
Mace, William	419.20	Stevens, Betsy	78.74
Mace, William	202.65	Stevens, Betsy	675.11
Maine Central Railroad	551.21	Stevens, Keith M	246.65
Mare, Lawrence P	1431.89	Stevens, Ormand	597.53
Markham, Janice	1655.94	Stevens, Ormand	17.37
Marshall, Gilbert	64.85	Stevens, Patrick & Patricia	787.44
Mathews, Vicki M & Vincent S	1983.65	Stilphen, Arthur & Brenda M	2252.31
McCray, Keith A & Donna L	3740.34	Stilphen, Arthur A & Brenda M	297.61
McKay, Jack & Crystal	902.08	Stone, Pamela	143.59
McKenna, Cheryl	228.13	Sturk, Suzette	3668.54
Medeiros, Darlene	1415.08	Terhune, Susan	394.78
Merckens, Christine & Ernst	1228.64	Theriacault, Daniel R & Laurie A	1095.47
Morrow, Christopher	841.87	Tinker, Joseph W Jr	611.42
Nickless, Chad & Kim	1328.23	Tinker, Joseph W Jr	396.04
Olha, William R & Jennie A	558.16	Torchia Jason J	290.66
Page, Richard & Dorothy	295.29	Tripp, Marjorie	120.79
Palange, Helen F	3123.13	Vear, Lawrence A & Cristan Denise	1737.00
Partridge, Edward E & Janice P	3191.45	Viens, David M & Kristin	245.50
Pepin, Robert	2514.02	Vieta, Sara J	305.71
Pepin, Robin	1438.24	Vieta, Sara J	280.24
Pepper, David	137.80	Wasserman, Robert F	2201.36
Pepper, David	1248.32	Wasserman, Robert F	40.53
Pepper, David	339.29	Webster, Jamison	334.66
Pinkham, Catherine	473.62	Webster, John G & Sandra	2012.60
Pray Edna Realty Trust	759.65	Willey, Cecil	576.68
Putnam, Molly J	370.56	Willis, Michael E	246.65
Raynes, David & Lucinne	2007.97	Wilson, Robert W & Donna L	972.72
Richards, Jordan	1118.92	Wilson, Betty	1169.58
Riley, Charles & Shirley	523.42	Wood, Harvey & Joyce	1625.83
Rioux, Daniel G & Rourke, Stephanie	28.41	Wright, Chester D & Karen S	535.00
Sandgren, Carl & Iona	1057.25	Wright, James & Diane	504.24
Sandy, Robert & Joan M	2991.11	Young, Sharon Bard	2408.64
Saucier, James	2385.48	Zozula, Robert B & Maryann	3557.38
Sawyer, Carroll	44.00		
		TOTAL	\$255,062.12

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Abatements for 2006

John & Sandra Webster	\$1,107.78
Anthony & Cynthia Christopher	\$146.38
Anita Merrow	\$419.58
Poverty Abatement.....	\$944.12
Terry L Sawyer	\$57.90
Hammond Lumber.....	\$155.17
Lease Comm Corporation	\$18.53
CBIZ/Popular Leasing.....	\$28.95
David Blair.....	\$57.90
Andrew & Muriel Jancovic.....	\$17.37
William Witkin Living Trust	\$401.83
Poverty Abatement.....	\$598.86
Great American Leasing.....	\$1.16
Jean T Trueblood	\$258.23
Stephen & Cathy Sears.....	\$11.58
Tammy Guimond.....	\$143.59
ADT Securities.....	\$10.42
William & Marie Pulsifer	\$104.22
G.E. Capital.....	\$157.49
VFS Residual Holding.....	\$19.69

Supplementals for 2006

Stephen Vinette	\$401.83
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Tree Growth Penalty

David Pepper.....	\$532.75
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Town Employees' Wages (Annual)

Town Manager.....	\$40,000
Selectman/Overseers of Poor	\$1,800/1,200
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$30,200
Deputy Clerk	\$23,300
Treasurer	\$33,500
Other Office Personnel	\$16,500
Road Commissioner	Elected
Code Enforcement.....	\$15,500
Fire Personnel.....	FF \$6.75 Chief \$1,200
Rescue Personnel	EMT \$6.88
Recreation Director	Paid By Alford Center
Emergency Mgmt Director.....	Appointed
Librarian	\$17,400
Animal Control Officer.....	Stipend \$3,000
Landfill Supervisor.....	Elected
Sexton	Elected

Auditor's Report

KEEL J. HOOD

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 governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, of Town of Belgrade, Maine, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006, 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. Those 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 examining, on 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 respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the remaining fund information of the Town of Belgrade, Maine as of December 31, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Town of Belgrade has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of the basic financial statements.

The budgetary comparison information is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries 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 17, 2007

Complete Auditor Report on file in the Belgrade Town Office

Statement 1
TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Statement of Net Assets
December 31, 2006

ASSETS	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Current Assets:	
Cash	\$ 834,376
Cash - restricted	317,510
Receivables	
Taxes	319,840
Liens	55,760
Accounts	13,356
Total Current Assets	<u>1,540,842</u>
Noncurrent Assets:	
Capital assets net	7,367,429
Total Assets	<u>8,908,271</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	47,431
Total Current Liabilities	<u>47,431</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>47,431</u>
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	7,367,429
Restricted	317,510
Unrestricted	1,175,901
Total net assets	<u>\$ 8,860,840</u>

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

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

Function/Programs	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenues
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating grants and contributions	Capital grants and contributions	
Governmental activities:	\$				
General government	280,868	24,489			(256,379)
Public safety	168,216	20,134			(148,082)
Public works	801,774	5,987	55,269		(740,518)
Health and sanitation	260,738	13,996			(246,742)
Leisure services	170,788	55,116			(115,672)
Social services	86,725		7,544		(79,181)
Special assessments	4,499,881				(4,499,881)
Unclassified	63,776				(63,776)
Debt service	36,788				(36,788)
Total governmental activities	<u>6,369,554</u>	<u>119,722</u>	<u>62,813</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(6,187,019)</u>
					<u>Governmental</u>
					<u>Activities</u>
Net (expense) / revenue					
General revenues:					
Property taxes					4,897,506
Excise taxes					683,394
Interest and costs on taxes					21,145
Intergovernmental:					
State revenue sharing					180,969
Homestead exemption					56,114
Tree growth					9,609
Other towns					4,400
Veterans reimbursement					1,231
Miscellaneous					42,898
Unrestricted interest					45,910
Restricted interest					14,966
Transfers in from trust fund					40,637
Total general revenues					
And transfers					<u>5,998,779</u>
Change in Net Assets					(188,240)
Net Assets - beginning					<u>9,049,080</u>
Net Assets - ending	\$				<u>8,860,840</u>

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

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2006

Statement 3

	General <u>Fund</u>	Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 1,151,886	\$ 1,151,886
Receivables		
Taxes	319,840	319,840
Liens	55,760	55,760
Accounts	13,356	13,356
Total Assets	1,540,842	1,540,842
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	47,431	47,431
Deferred property taxes	293,000	293,000
Deferred cable franchise fees	16,410	16,410
Total Liabilities	356,841	356,841
FUND BALANCES		
Fund Balances		
Reserved:		
Capital purchases	317,510	317,510
Unreserved:		
Designated for subsequent years		
Revenues	58,670	58,670
Expenditures	62,983	62,983
Undesignated	744,838	744,838
Total Fund Equity	1,184,001	1,184,001
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 1,540,842	\$

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.	7,367,429
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-periods expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.	309,410
Net assets of governmental activities	\$ 8,860,840

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

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

	General Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:		
Taxes	\$ 5,591,044	\$ 5,591,044
Intergovernmental	315,136	315,136
Charges for services	114,705	114,705
Interest	60,876	60,876
Miscellaneous	31,505	31,505
Total Revenues	6,113,266	6,113,266
Expenditures:		
Current:		
General government	279,680	279,680
Public safety	119,888	119,888
Public works	611,489	611,489
Health and sanitation	259,018	259,018
Leisure services	170,075	170,075
Social services	86,725	86,725
Special assessments	4,499,881	4,499,881
Unclassified	63,776	63,776
Debt services	36,788	36,788
Total Expenditures	6,127,320	6,127,320
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(14,054)	(14,054)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)		
Operating Transfers In (Out)	40,637	40,637
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	40,637	40,637
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures And Other Financing Sources (Uses)	26,583	26,583
Fund Balances - January 1	1,157,418	1,157,418
Fund Balances - December 31	\$ 1,184,001	\$ 1,184,001

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

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
 Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues,
 Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
 Of Governmental Funds
 to the Statement of Activities
 For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2006

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	26,583
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. While governmental activities report depreciation expense to allocate those expenditures over the life of the assets:		
Capital asset purchases capitalized		156,562
Depreciation expense		(398,795)
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenue in the funds:		
Deferred property tax revenue		27,410
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities	\$	(188,240)

Statement 6

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
 Statement of Net Assets
 Fiduciary Fund - Cemeteries
 December 31, 2006

		Private Purpose <u>Trust Fund</u>
ASSETS		
Cash	\$	163,325
Investments		856,027
Total Assets		1,019,352
NET ASSETS		
Held in Trust		1,019,352
Total Net Assets	\$	1,019,352

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

Statement 7

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets
December 31, 2006

		<u>Private Purpose Trust Fund</u>
Additions:		
Investment income	\$	50,084
Gain on investments		53,475
Total Additions		103,559
Deductions:		
Administration		1,774
Total Deductions		1,774
Change in Net Assets		101,785
Operating Transfer (Out)		(40,637)
Change in Net Assets after Transfers		61,148
Net Assets - Beginning		958,204
Net Assets - Ending	\$	1,019,352

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

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Budget Comparison Schedule
General Fund
For the year ended December 31, 2006

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with final budget positive (negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Revenues:	\$	\$	\$	\$
Taxes	5,510,578	5,510,578	5,591,044	80,466
Intergovernmental	304,464	304,464	315,136	10,672
Interest	7,500	7,500	60,876	53,376
Charges for services	79,200	79,200	114,705	35,505
Miscellaneous	20,000	25,000	31,505	6,505
Total revenues	<u>5,921,742</u>	<u>5,926,742</u>	<u>6,113,266</u>	<u>186,524</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	301,919	301,919	279,680	22,239
Public safety	117,649	122,649	119,888	2,761
Public works	627,484	627,484	611,489	15,995
Health and sanitation	254,394	254,394	259,018	(4,624)
Leisure services	179,823	179,823	170,075	9,748
Social services	108,914	108,914	86,725	22,189
Special assessments	4,518,652	4,518,652	4,499,881	18,771
Unclassified	87,299	87,299	63,776	23,523
Debt service	34,905	34,905	36,788	(1,883)
Total expenditures	<u>6,231,039</u>	<u>6,236,039</u>	<u>6,127,320</u>	<u>108,719</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(309,297)</u>	<u>(309,297)</u>	<u>(14,054)</u>	<u>295,243</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating Transfer In	56,713	56,713	40,637	(16,076)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>56,713</u>	<u>56,713</u>	<u>40,637</u>	<u>(16,076)</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(252,584)</u>	<u>(252,584)</u>	<u>26,583</u>	<u>279,167</u>
Fund Balance - January 1	1,157,418	1,157,418	1,157,418	0
Fund Balance - December 31	<u>\$ 904,834</u>	<u>\$ 904,834</u>	<u>\$ 1,184,001</u>	<u>\$ 279,167</u>

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

Annual Property Tax Mil Rate Calculation

Municipal Budget	
+ Education (MSAD #47)	
+ County	
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=	Total Expenditures

State Revenue Sharing	
+ Road Assistance	
+ All State/Federal Funding	
+ Vehicle & Boat Excise Tax	
+ License/Permit Fees	
+ Town Fees	
+ Other Misc Income	
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=	Total Non-property Tax Revenues

Total Expenditures	
- Total Non-property Tax Revenues	
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=	Net to be Raised by Property Taxes

Net to be Raised by Property Taxes	
+ Overlay (Max 5% of Net)	
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=	Commitment

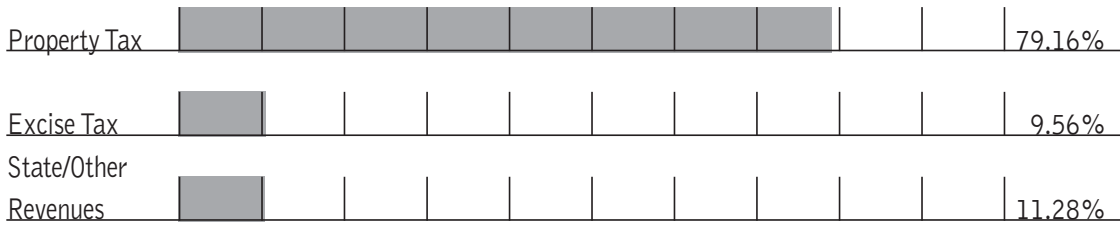
Commitment	
÷ Total of Municipal Assessments	
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=	Mil Rate

2006 Property Tax Calculations

2006 Municipal Property Valuation	=	\$ 428,039,050
Total Revenues Required (School/Municipal/County)	=	\$ 6,172,193
Total Non-property Tax Revenues	=	\$ 1,233,963
\$ 6,172,193 - \$ 1,233,963	=	\$ 4,938,230 (Net Raised Through Taxation)
\$ 4,938,230 + \$ 18,462 (Overlay)	=	\$ 4,956,692 Commitment
\$ 4,956,692 ÷ \$ 428,039,050	=	.01158 Mil Rate (\$11.58 per \$1,000 of Valuation)

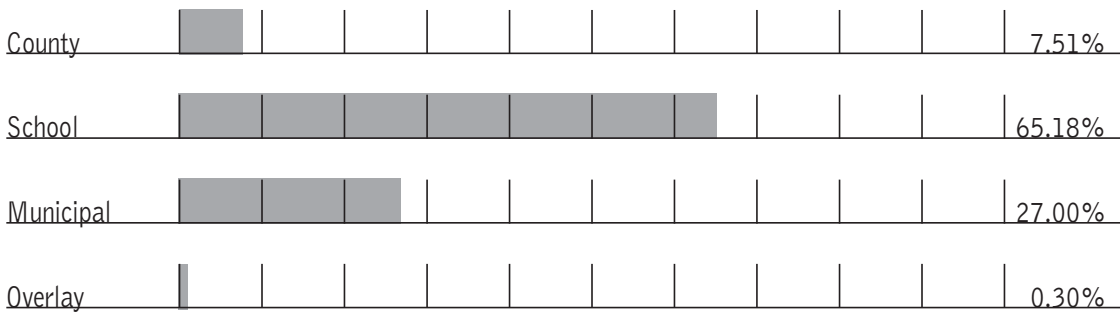
\$\$ The Town's Money \$\$

Where It Comes From

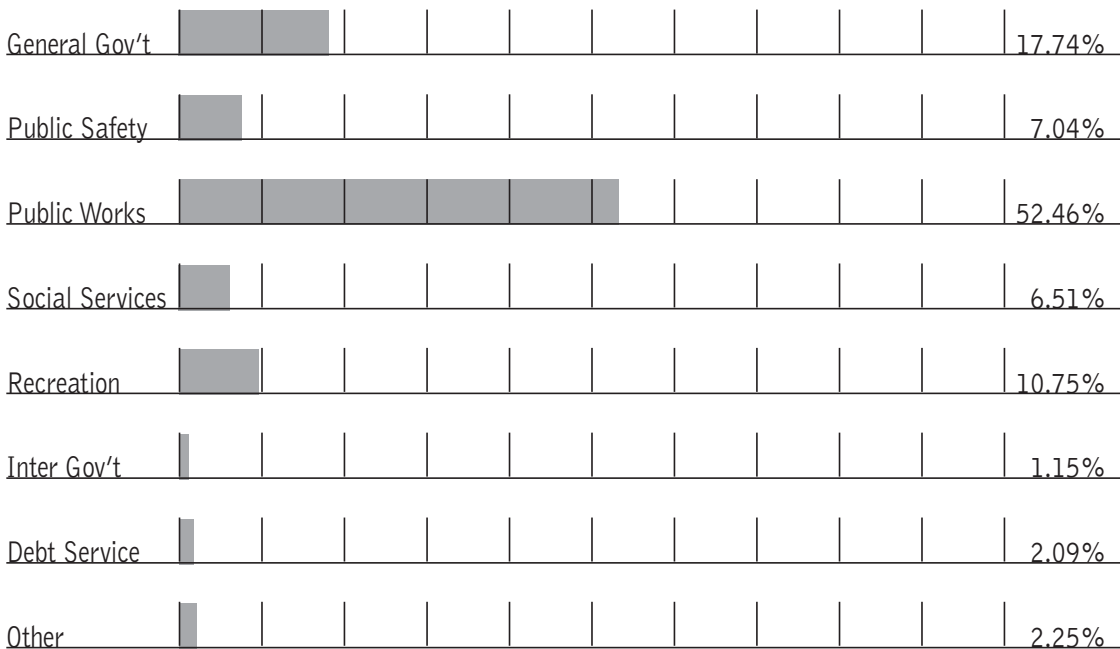


Where It Went in 2006

Analysis of Total Budget by Percentage



Analysis of Municipal Budget by Percentage



Treasurer's Cash Report

Cash Balance, January 1, 2006769,720.87

Receipts:

Prior Years Property Taxes201,299.16
 Tax Liens103,445.93
 Accounts Receivable (bd ck -\$360)13,741.83
 State Licenses & Registrations365,518.32
 Prepaid Property Taxes 20071,041.25
 2006 Property & Excise Taxes (\$7298.90/108.43 refunded)5,333,334.54
 Licenses, Penalties & Fees (\$374.22 refunded)82,517.80
 State & Local Governments (\$377 refunded/\$11,694.90 A/R)247,004.46
 Recycling and Waste13,995.66
 Unclassified (\$1245.16 refunded/\$360 bd cks)107,669.86
 Reserves & Trust Funds107,050.26
 Due to Other Funds.....-1,750.00
 Due from Other Funds.....38,397.32

Total Receipts6,613,266.39

Total Available in 20067,382,987.26

Disbursements:

State Licenses and Registrations363,934.30
 Net Payroll Deductions-1,233.06
 Accounts Payable - Expenses15,646.27
 Transfers - Due to Other Funds.....2,425.00
 Refunds/Abatements/Overpays.....9,403.71
 Recoverable Expenses22,099.44
 General Government282,251.74
 Public Safety113,118.30
 Public Works610,546.64
 Solid Waste258,473.13
 Social Services86,725.48
 Recreation156,878.02
 Special Assessment4,499,880.70
 Inter-Government.....30,290.17
 Debt Service36,788.37
 Unclassified15,885.00
 Trust Funds (Pd to CD's \$33446.38)45,877.86

Total Disbursements6,548,991.07

Cash Balance, December 31, 2006833,996.19

Treasurer's Budgetary Report

Expenditures

Area of Expenditure	Appropriation	Designated from 2005	Actual 2006	Lapse
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Board of Selectpersons	7,305.00		7,294.95	10.05
Emergency Requirements	7,500.00		4,394.61	3,105.39
Administration (adj. PR/-\$31.07/A/P+\$79.46)	199,767.00	2,400.00	190,942.17	11,224.83
Town Manager (adj PR/ -\$2620.04)	54,365.00		52,198.34	2,166.66
Assessing	21,300.00		20,838.25	461.75
Planning/Appeals Board	2,967.00	1,315.00	1,076.53	3,205.47
Growth Management	0.00	3,050.00	141.83	2,908.17
Hearings & Elections	3,450.00		2,793.41	656.59
GENERAL GOVERNMENT TOTALS	296,654.00	6,765.00	279,680.09	23,738.91
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Constable/Civil Emergency	1,280.00		450.26	829.74
Fire Department (adj A/P + \$750.40)	52,380.00		50,153.08	2,226.92
Rescue Squad (adj A/P + \$131.00)	23,822.00		18,548.02	5,273.98 *
Code Enforcement(adj A/P + \$62.64)	12,067.00		12,231.16	-164.16
Street Lighting	8,100.00		8,537.97	-437.97
To Fire Dept Capital Reserve	20,000.00		20,000.00	0.00
PUBLIC SAFETY TOTALS	117,649.00	0.00	109,920.49	7,728.51
*paid \$4,000 to Rescue Capital Reserve				
PUBLIC WORKS				
Road, General Maintenance (adj A/P + \$694.75)	128,015.00		126,121.19	1,893.81 *
Road, Paving	163,705.00		174,033.55	-10,328.55
Road, Plowing & Sanding	300,998.00		285,104.78	15,893.22
Landfill Closure	22,732.00	1,200.00	14,452.62	9,479.38
Facility Maintenance Support (adj PR/ + 246.72)	10,834.00		11,775.97	-941.97
Solid Waste Management (adj A/P + \$545.28)	250,894.00	3,500.00	263,160.26	-8,766.26
PUBLIC WORKS TOTALS	877,178.00	4,700.00	874,648.37	7,229.63
* Paid to the General Maintenance & Paving Capital Reserve				
SOCIAL SERVICES				
Health Officer	450.00		450.00	0.00
Town Historian	300.00		300.00	0.00
Animal Control	6,623.00		6,952.69	-329.69
Memorial Day Ceremony	150.00		150.00	0.00
Donations	14,668.00		14,344.00	324.00
Cemeteries	79,423.00		49,160.20	30,262.80 *
General Assistance	7,300.00		15,368.59	-8,068.59
SOCIAL SERVICES TOTALS	108,914.00	0.00	86,725.48	22,188.52
*paid \$4,340 to Cemetery Capital Reserve				

Expenditures continued

Area of Expenditure	Appropriation	Designated from 2005	Actual 2006	Lapse
RECREATION				
Recreation Facilities	5,055.00		4,136.12	918.88 *
Center/ Seasons (adj PR/ + \$370.09/ A/P + \$1533.20)	76,171.00		61,543.61	14,627.39 *
Center Improvements(Article 71)	22,200.00		21,737.26	462.74
North Belgrade Community Center	3,635.00		2,114.71	1,520.29 *
Library (adj PR/ + 477.64)	31,286.00		29,283.61	2,002.39 **
Recreation Programs	41,476.00		40,443.64	1,032.36 *
RECREATION TOTALS	179,823.00	0.00	159,258.95	20,564.05
*Paid to the Recreation Capital Reserve \$18,098.92				
**Paid to the Library Capital Reserve \$2,000.00				
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS				
MSAD #47	4,035,134.00		4,035,134.00	0.00
Kennebec County	465,056.00		464,746.70	309.30
Overlay	18,462.20		0.00	18,462.20
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TOTALS	4,518,652.20	0.00	4,499,880.70	18,771.50
INTER-GOVERNMENT				
Dams	10,000.00	30,419.00	21,040.17	19,378.83
Belgrade Lakes Alliance	9,250.00		9,250.00	0.00
INTER-GOVERNMENT TOTALS	19,250.00	30,419.00	30,290.17	19,378.83
DEBT SERVICE				
TAN Interest	34,905.00		36,788.37	-1,883.37
DEBT SERVICE TOTALS	34,905.00		36,788.37	-1,883.37
UNCLASSIFIED				
Workers & Unemployment Compensation	18,050.00		15,885.00	2,165.00
UNCLASSIFIED TOTALS	18,050.00		15,885.00	2,165.00
TRUST FUNDS				
DC Stevens Enrichment Fund (adj + A/P \$5012.16)	18,700.00		16,536.34	2,163.66
DC Stevens Scholarship Trust	65.00		65.00	0.00
Scholarship/Town Portion	435.00		435.00	0.00
R.A. Guptill Historical Trust	380.00		407.30	-27.30
TRUST FUND TOTALS	19,580.00		17,443.64	2,136.36
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,190,655.20	41,884.00	6,110,521.26	122,017.94 **
Total Paid To Reserves		30,332.73		
Total Carry Forwards		62,983.00		
Total To Surplus		28,702.21		
Total Lapse**		122,017.94		

Revenues

Area of Revenue	Appropriation	Designated from 2005	Actual 2006	Lapse
PROPERTY & EXCISE TAX REVENUE				
2006 Real & Personal Tax	4,900,578.41		4,596,222.40	-304,356.01 *
Homestead Act	56,113.79		56,113.79	0.00 *
Supplemental	0.00		1,256.63	1,256.63
Abatements	0.00		-4,329.09	-4,329.09
Vehicle Excise	575,000.00		664,270.60	89,270.60
Boat Excise Tax	17,000.00		19,123.01	2,123.01
PROPERTY & EXCISE TAX TOTALS	5,548,692.20		5,332,657.34	-216,034.86
LICENSES, PENALTIES & FEES				
Interest on Taxes	18,000.00		21,098.74	3,098.74
Town Fee/Vital Statistics	17,500.00		21,065.99	3,565.99
Licenses & Permit Fees	10,000.00		13,213.29	3,213.29
Town Ordinances	0.00		289.00	289.00
Cable Franchise Fees	20,000.00		26,488.60	6,488.60
LICENSES PENALTIES AND FEES TOTALS	65,500.00		82,155.62	16,655.62
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENTS				
Municipal Revenue Sharing	180,000.00		180,969.32	969.32 **
Local Road Assistance	50,500.00		53,427.00	2,927.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	7,500.00		9,609.00	2,109.00
General Assistance Reimbursement	3,650.00		7,544.40	3,894.40
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	1,200.00		1,231.00	31.00
State Grants/Other Funds	1,100.00		1,141.64	41.64
Town of Rome	2,700.00		2,700.00	0.00
Town of Oakland	1,700.00		1,700.00	0.00
STATE & LOCAL TOTALS	248,350.00		258,322.36	9,972.36
RECYCLING & WASTE				
Waste Disposal Fees	0.00		3,237.75	3,237.75
Recycled Waste Sales	4,200.00		10,757.91	6,557.91
RECYCLING & WASTE TOTALS	4,200.00		13,995.66	9,795.66
UNCLASSIFIED				
Recreational Program Fees	47,500.00		54,418.66	6,918.66
Library Fees	0.00		697.50	697.50
Animal Control	0.00		1,921.00	1,921.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00		3,117.60	3,117.60
Investment Income	7,500.00		45,909.94	38,409.94
UNCLASSIFIED TOTALS	55,000.00		106,064.70	51,064.70

Revenues continued

Area of Revenue	Appropriation	Designated from 2005	Actual 2006	Lapse
RESERVES & TRUST FUNDS				
Solid Waste Capital Reserve	10,000.00		0.00	-10,000.00
Public Works Capital Reserve	30,000.00		41,301.12	11,301.12
R.A. Guptill Historical Trust	380.00		407.30	27.30
Cemetery Perpetual Care	37,568.00		27,003.24	-10,564.76
D.C. Stevens Scholarship	65.00		65.00	0.00
D.C. Stevens Enrichment	18,700.00		16,536.34	-2,163.66
Recreation Capital Reserve	22,200.00		21,737.26	-462.74
RESERVE & TRUST FUND TOTALS	118,913.00		107,050.26	-11,862.74
GENERAL FUND				
Undesignated	150,000.00		150,000.00	0.00
GENERAL FUND TOTALS	150,000.00		150,000.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES	6,190,655.20	0.00	6,050,245.94	-140,409.26
Total Lapse		-140,409.26		
Add:Accounts Receivable (*2006 Property Tax)		304,356.01		
Less: Designated Revenues (**Municipal Revenue Sharing)		-969.32		
Total To Surplus		162,977.43		

Reserves and Trust Funds

COMMUNITY CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	37,135.97
Add: Interest to 12-31-06	1,596.85
Less: Due to General Fund	-6,250.00
Balance 12/31/06	32,482.82

FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	64,635.29
Add: Interest Earned.....	2,796.84
Appropriation (March 18, 2006)	20,000.00
Total Deposits	22,796.84
Less: Due to General Fund (Repairs)	-20,825.28
Balance 12-31-06	66,606.85

RESCUE CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	32,749.22
Add: Interest Earned.....	1,424.21
Appropriation (March 18, 2006)	4,000.00
Total Deposits	5,424.21
Balance 12/31/06	38,173.43

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD MAINTENANCE AND PAVING RESERVE

Balance 1/1	63,799.51
Add: Interest Earned.....	2,692.28
2006 Unexpended to Reserve	1,893.81
Total Deposits	4,586.09
Less: Due to General Fund	-41,301.12
Balance 12-31-06	27,084.48

SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	33,888.34
Add: Interest Earned.....	1,467.09
Balance 12-31-06	35,355.43

SOLID WASTE CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	37,721.44
Add: Interest Earned.....	1,633.01
Less: Art 49 '06 Designated for '07	-10,000.00
Balance 12-31-06	29,354.45

RECREATION CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	47,819.09
Add: Interest Earned.....	2,062.32
2006 Unexpended to Reserve	18,098.92
Total Deposits	20,161.24
Less: Due To General Fund	-21,737.26
Balance 12-31-06	46,243.07

Reserves and Trust Funds continued

LIBRARY CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	509.35
Add: Interest Earned.....	25.29
Article 72-'06	2,000.00
Total Deposits	2025.29
Balance 12/31/06	2,534.64

ALICE MARY CRAM TRUST FUND

Balance 1/1	4,244.11
Add: Interest Earned.....	178.80
Balance 12-31-06	4,422.91

GUY A. YEATON CEMETERY TRUST FUND

Balance 1/1 (Principal 1,000.00/ Interest 2093.08)	3,093.08
Add: Interest Earned.....	141.69
Balance 12-31-06	3,234.77

LACROIX CEMETERY TRUST FUND

Balance 1/1 (Principal 10,000/Interest 1145.15)	11,145.15
Add: Interest Earned.....	510.51
Balance 12-31-06	11,655.66

CEMETERY CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	0.00
Add: Article 58, 2006	1,000.00
Article 64, 2006 (Unexpended)	3,340.00
Interest Earned.....	6.99
Total Deposits	4,346.99
Balance 12-31-2006	4,346.99

CEMETERY PORTFOLIO

Balance 1/1	284,552.32
Add: Unrealized Gains '05	16,966.65
Unrealized Gains '06	23,193.20
Income (Real & Accrual).....	17,907.65
Transfer 2006 Perpetual Care Payments.....	3,375.00
Total Deposits	61,442.50
Less: Agent Fees.....	-288.74
Transferred to CD.....	-9,240.09
Transfer Additional Dividends to CD.....	-2,275.00
Total Withdrawn	12,903.83
Balance 12-31-06 (Market Value)	333,090.09

Reserves and Trust Funds continued

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST EARNINGS

Balance 1/1	127,094.01
Add: Interest Earned	5,718.84
Interest from Portfolio	9,240.09
Add'l Dividends from Portfolio	3,375.00
Total Deposits	18,333.93
Less: Due to General Fund (Article 66).....	-27,003.24
Balance 12-31-06	118,424.70

ROBERT A. GUPTILL HISTORICAL TRUST

Balance 1/1	13,574.30
Add: Interest Earned	621.15
Less: 2005 Contribution.....	-407.30
Balance 12-31-06	13,788.15

D.C. STEVENS SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

Balance 1/1	2,041.55
Add: Interest Earned.....	93.38
Less: 2006 Scholarship.....	-65.00
Balance 12-31-06	2,069.93

D.C. STEVENS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Balance 1/1	28,260.94
Add: Interest Earned.....	1,240.06
Interest From Portfolio 2006	11,219.18
Total Deposits	12,459.24
Less: Expended Due to General Fund	-16,536.34
Balance 12-31-06	24,183.84

D.C. STEVENS PORTFOLIO

Balance 1/1	416,728.50
Add: Unrealized Gains '05	59,604.49
Unrealized Gains '06	30,282.04
Income (Real & Accrued).....	25,687.68
Total Deposits	115,574.21
Less: Agent Fees.....	-1,485.42
Transfer to CD 2006	-11,219.18
Total Deductions	-12,704.60
Balance 12-31-06	519,598.11

Proposed Municipal Budget for 2007

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

Area of Expenditure	2007(P)	2006	2005	2004
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Board of Selectpersons	14,955.00	14,805.00	14,905.00	17,405.00
Administration(+Art 28 '05)	209,350.00	199,767.00	195,353.00	194,290.00
Town Manager	48,903.00	54,365.00	52,678.00	56,113.00
Assessing/Review	22,200.00	21,300.00	20,200.00	15,600.00
Planning Board/Board of Appeals	2,967.00	2,967.00	3,182.00	3,480.00
Hearings & Elections	3,830.00	3,450.00	3,050.00	3,175.00
General Government Totals	302,205.00	296,654.00	289,368.00	290,063.00
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Constable/Civil Emergency	1,780.00	1,280.00	1,570.00	3,139.00
Fire Department	67,161.00	52,380.00	50,209.00	52,614.00
Fire Dept. Capital Reserve	25,000.00	20,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Rescue Squad	21,622.00	19,822.00	19,488.00	20,414.00
Rescue Capital Reserve	4,000.00	4,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Code Enforcement	14,342.00	12,067.00	12,070.00	12,070.00
Street Lighting	8,500.00	8,100.00	8,400.00	8,000.00
Public Safety Totals	142,405.00	117,649.00	121,737.00	126,237.00
PUBLIC WORKS				
Roads, General Maintenance	97,815.00	94,965.00	89,230.00	85,099.00
West Rd Reclaim 2.2mi '06	0.00	28,050.00	39,200.00	0.00
Road Salt Contamination	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
Roads, Paving	139,706.00	139,705.00	142,960.00	110,000.00
Widen Dunn Rd. '05-'06/West Rd	24,000.00	24,000.00	24,000.00	0.00
Roads, Plowing & Sanding	304,572.00	300,998.00	283,325.00	249,477.00
Solid Waste Management*	371,984.00	250,894.00	249,899.00	238,995.00
Cemetery	64,558.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Landfill Closure	12,732.00	22,732.00	6,400.00	5,400.00
Facilities Maintenance Support	13,521.00	10,834.00	10,556.00	10,466.00
Public Works Totals	1,028,888.00	877,178.00	845,570.00	699,437.00
* Includes Recycling				
SOCIAL SERVICES				
Health Officer	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00
Town Historian	400.00	300.00	300.00	400.00
Animal Control	8,474.00	6,623.00	6,181.00	8,317.00
General Assistance	7,300.00	7,300.00	6,500.00	5,500.00
Memorial Day	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Donations	16,764.00	14,668.00	18,651.00	21,791.00
Cemeteries(2 Articles-2003)	0.00	44,083.00	40,112.00	35,945.00
Cemeteries (Equip Upgrade & Maint)	0.00	35,340.00	26,000.00	0.00
Social Services Totals	33,538.00	108,914.00	98,344.00	72,553.00

Proposed Municipal Budget for 2007 continued

Area of Expenditure	2007(P)	2006	2005	2004
RECREATION				
Recreation Facilities	5,050.00	5,055.00	4,755.00	2,835.00
The Center for All Seasons	52,052.00	76,171.00	73,928.00	72,430.00
CFAS-Capital Maintenance Project	2,000.00	22,200.00	4,000.00	3,500.00
North Belgrade Community Center	5,255.00	3,635.00	3,033.00	2,883.00
Library	34,434.00	31,286.00	27,900.00	27,960.00
Library Capital Reserve	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Recreation Programs	77,500.00	41,476.00	39,243.00	43,521.00
Recreation Totals	181,291.00	179,823.00	152,859.00	153,129.00
INTER-GOVERNMENT				
Belgrade Lakes Conservation (2 Articles)	9,900.00	9,250.00	9,250.00	10,550.00
Dams	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Belgrade Tree Committee	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Inter-Government Totals	21,900.00	19,250.00	19,250.00	20,550.00
DEBT SERVICE				
Tax Anticipation Note (Interest)	63,280.00	34,905.00	29,000.00	29,000.00
Debt Service Totals	63,280.00	34,905.00	29,000.00	29,000.00
UNCLASSIFIED				
Workers Compensation	9,250.00	12,893.00	12,890.00	12,000.00
Unemployment Compensation	5,381.00	5,157.00	2,110.00	3,500.00
Unclassified Totals	14,631.00	18,050.00	15,000.00	15,500.00
TRUST FUNDS				
D.C. Stevens Enrichment	20,800.00	18,700.00	18,000.00	18,325.00
D.C. Stevens Scholarship (2 Articles)	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
R.A. Guptill	575.00	380.00	295.00	325.00
Trust Funds Totals	21,875.00	19,580.00	18,795.00	19,150.00
Total Municipal Requirements	1,810,013.00	1,672,003.00	1,589,923.00	1,425,619.00
COUNTY & SCHOOL DISTRICT				
Kennebec County	544,918.00	465,056.00	456,384.00	418,440.00
MSAD #47*	4,403,527.00	4,035,134.00	3,852,012.00	3,705,782.00
County & School Totals	4,948,445.00	4,500,190.00	4,308,396.00	4,124,222.00
GRAND TOTALS	6,758,458.00	6,172,193.00	5,898,319.00	5,549,841.00
*Projected				

Proposed Municipal Budget for 2007 continued

Area of Revenue	2007(P)	2006	2005	2004
TAXES, LICENSES & PERMITS				
Vehicle Excise Taxes	600,000.00	575,000.00	545,000.00	511,000.00
Boat Excise Taxes	18,000.00	17,000.00	17,000.00	17,000.00
Town Fees/Vital Statistics	18,000.00	17,500.00	17,500.00	17,000.00
Licenses and Permit Fees	10,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Interest and Cost Fees	18,000.00	18,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00
Total Taxes, Licenses & Permits	664,000.00	637,500.00	600,500.00	566,000.00
STATE FUNDS				
Municipal Revenue Sharing	175,000.00	180,000.00	185,000.00	175,000.00
Local Road Assistance	53,600.00	50,500.00	50,500.00	49,500.00
Tree Growth Reimbursements	7,500.00	7,500.00	12,000.00	9,300.00
General Assistance Reimbursement	3,650.00	3,650.00	3,250.00	2,750.00
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
Other State Grants and Funds	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total State Funds	242,050.00	243,950.00	253,150.00	238,950.00
OTHER				
Cable Fees	30,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	0.00
Investments	10,000.00	7,500.00	0.00	0.00
Recreational Program Fees	47,500.00	47,500.00	50,000.00	28,000.00
Recycled Waste Sales	10,000.00	4,200.00	3,250.00	3,000.00
Total Other	97,500.00	79,200.00	53,250.00	31,000.00
RESERVES AND TRUST FUNDS				
Road Maintenance Capital Reserve	0.00	30,000.00	0.00	0.00
Community Capital Reserve	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00
R.A. Guptill Historical Trust	575.00	380.00	295.00	325.00
Solid Waste Capital Reserve	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00
Recreation Capital Reserve	2,000.00	22,200.00	4,000.00	3,500.00
D.C. Stevens Scholarship	165.00	65.00	55.00	50.00
D.C. Stevens Enrichment	20,800.00	18,700.00	18,000.00	18,325.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	38,197.00	25,568.00	30,084.00	26,959.00
Cemetery Perp Care Add'l Maint (4 Art '05/2Art '06)	0.00	12,000.00	23,000.00	0.00
Total Reserves and Trust Funds	61,737.00	118,913.00	81,434.00	49,159.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL				
Town of Rome	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00
Town of Oakland	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
Total Intergovernmental	4,400.00	4,400.00	4,400.00	4,400.00
FUND BALANCES				
Undesignated	200,000.00	150,000.00	250,000.00	200,000.00
Total Fund Balances	200,000.00	150,000.00	250,000.00	200,000.00
Total Non-Property Tax Revenues	1,269,687.00	1,233,963.00	1,242,734.00	1,089,509.00
Net Property Tax Requirement*	5,488,771.00	4,938,230.00	4,655,585.00	4,460,332.00
TOTAL REVENUES	6,758,458.00	6,172,193.00	5,898,319.00	5,549,841.00
*Projected				

Town of Belgrade 2007 Town Meeting Warrant

State of Maine • Kennebec, S.S.

To Jeremy Damren, a Public Information Officer 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 16th, 2007 at 7:45 a.m. to elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting, to elect Town Officers for the ensuing year(s) and to vote by secret ballot on Articles 2 to 18. Polls are to be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The inhabitants of the Town of Belgrade, qualified to vote in the Town affairs, are hereby also warned to assemble at the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons, on Saturday, March 17th, 2007, at 1:00 P.M., to act on Article 19 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

ARTICLE 3 To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town adopt an ordinance known as the "Emergency Management Ordinance of the Town of Belgrade" as authorized under title 37-b M.R.S.A., Section 782.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent

ARTICLE 4 To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the townspeople authorize the transfer station located on the Dunn Road to continue to accept household waste and trash?

Selectpersons Recommend: 3 For/ 0 Against/ 2 Absent

ARTICLE 5 To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$129,552 to support the Recreation Budget.

Center for all Seasons.....	\$ 52,052
Recreational Programs.....	\$ 77,500

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against/ Absent

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

ARTICLE 6 To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,434 to support the Library budget.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

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

ARTICLE 7 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, with the contract to be renewable at the discretion of the Selectpersons.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

ARTICLE 8 To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to support The Mid Maine Unit of the American Red Cross.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 1 Against

- ARTICLE 9** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to support the Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group's July 4th celebration.
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 1 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 4 For/ 2 Against
- ARTICLE 10** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to support the Belgrade Regional Health Center.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 3 For/ 2 Against/ 1 Abstain
- ARTICLE 11** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to support the Crisis & Counseling Centers, Inc.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 2 For/ 4 Against
- ARTICLE 12** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,655 to support the Family Violence Project.
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 1 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 2 For/ 4 Against
- ARTICLE 13** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to support the Kennebec Valley Mental Health Center.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 2 For/ 4 Against
- ARTICLE 14** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to support the Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 4 For/ 2 Against
- ARTICLE 15** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$450 to support the KVCAP-Child & Family Services.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 4 For/ 2 Against
- ARTICLE 16** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to support the KVCAP-Transportation Services.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 1 Against
- ARTICLE 17** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,041 to support Senior Spectrum.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 2 For/ 4 Against
- ARTICLE 18** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,118 to support Sexual Assault & Crisis Support Center.
Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 1 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 2 For/ 4 Against

**** General Government ****

ARTICLE 19 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 2007 between January 1, 2008 and the date of the regular 2008 Town Meeting.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent

ARTICLE 20 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: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent

ARTICLE 21 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: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent

ARTICLE 22 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: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent

ARTICLE 23 To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectpersons or their designee to sell and convey property belonging to the Town, by sealed competitive bids to be opened in public at an announced time, to the highest acceptable bidder. The Town shall retain the right to accept or reject any or all bids at their discretion, after first posting notice of such sale in the same places as the Town Warrants are posted. The Selectpersons are to give not less than ten days notice of such sale in a local newspaper, with the description of the property to be sold. The parcel of land owned to be sold is listed on Town Tax Map 17, Lot 34-B.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent

ARTICLE 24 To see if the Town will accept the overdrafts and balances that have lapsed to the Undesignated Fund with overall impact of a plus \$191,629.64, and to use \$200,000 of surplus funds to be dedicated to reducing 2007 property taxes.

Selectpersons Recommend: 3 For/ 0 Against/ 2 Absent

Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against

ARTICLE 25 To see if the Town will authorize the following accounts be carried forward to the current year:

Planning/Appeals	1,315
Growth Management.....	2,900
Public Works (contaminated well).....	5,000
Plow & Sand.....	15,893
Solid Waste(box trailer/cement pad).....	15,000
Solid Waste (Ash Pile)	3,500
Dams	<u>19,375</u>
Total Carry Forward	\$ 62,983

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

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

ARTICLE 26 To see if the Town will appropriate revenues from the following sources in 2007 to reduce the 2007 Property Tax Commitment:

	<u>2007</u>
Vehicle Excise Tax.....	\$600,000
License/Permit Fees	10,000
Town Fees	18,000
Boat Excise	18,000
Recycling Revenues	10,000
Interest & Cost Fees.....	18,000
Cable Franchise Fees.....	30,000
Investment Income	10,000
Recreation Revenues	<u>47,500</u>
Total.....	\$ 761,500

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

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

ARTICLE 27 To see if the Town will set Wednesday October 17, 2007 as the date that the 2007 property taxes are due, and charge interest at the rate of 9.0 % per annum on taxes paid after October 17, 2007, with interest to continue until the tax and tax lien are paid in full.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

ARTICLE 28 To see if the Town will set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on taxes paid and later abated at 4.0 %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 29 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$7,455 to support Selectpersons' salaries (\$150/mo for Selectperson Chair-\$100/mo for additional members), benefits, travel expenses, and fees.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against

ARTICLE 30 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: 5 For/ 0 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against

ARTICLE 31 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$287,250 to support the costs associated with municipal operations and administrative activities. Itemized requirements are as follows:

<u>AREA OF EXPENSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Administration	\$ 209,350
(Town Office Operations & Maintenance- General Admin Operating Expenses- Admin Wages & Benefits)	
Town Manager (Salary \$42,000).....	\$ 48,903
Assessing/Review	\$ 22,200
Planning Board/Appeals.....	\$ 2,967
Hearings/Elections	<u>\$ 3,830</u>
Total.....	\$ 287,250

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

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

- ARTICLE 32** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$28,984 to support the cost of salaries to 03-31-07 plus heat, lights and upkeep of recreational facilities for all of 2007. (Article 32 is required if Article 5 is defeated.)
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 33** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$8,119 to support the cost of salaries to 03-31-07 for the library, plus any maintenance required for the whole of 2007. (Article 33 is required if Article 6 is defeated.)
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 34** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$6,851 to support the maintenance costs for the Center for all Seasons. (Article 34 is required if Article 5 is defeated and Article 6 passes.)
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent

******Public Safety******

- ARTICLE 35** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$1070 to support a Public Information Officer and civil emergency requirements.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against
- ARTICLE 36** 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: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against
- ARTICLE 37** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$60,161 for Fire Department operations and maintenance of equipment.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 38** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$7,000 to put a new roof on at the North Belgrade Fire Station.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against
- ARTICLE 39** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the Fire Department Capital Reserve for future major equipment replacement.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against
- ARTICLE 40** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$21,622 to support general operating costs and equipment acquisition for the Belgrade Rescue Squad.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against

- ARTICLE 41** 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: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against
- ARTICLE 42** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$14,342 for the function of Code Enforcement.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against
- ARTICLE 43** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$8,500 for the operation of municipal street lights.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against

***** Public Works *****

- ARTICLE 44** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$97,815 for general maintenance of Town Roads. Any unexpended balance will lapse back to the Public Works Road Maintenance and Paving Capital Reserve Account.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 45** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$24,000 to continue improvements to the Dunn Rd.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 46** To see if the Town will raise and/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. 4/10th miles
Shim & Skinny Mix Dunn Rd. (portions of)
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 47** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$304,572 for the purpose of plowing, sanding and salting Town and State-Aid roads in 2007.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 48** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$271,984 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/ 1 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 49** To see if the Town will vote to change the name of the Solid Waste Capital Reserve Fund to the Solid Waste Capital Improvement Fund and raise and appropriate \$100,000 to be placed in the Fund for general improvements to provide for improvements to the Transfer Facility and Recycling Station including, but not limited to, the purchase of additional acreage adjacent to the existing facility to provide for permanent structures to store

equipment, to prevent encroachment on the facility by residential housing, etc, to expand existing storage areas, to improve the management of demolition debris and clean wood and brush, and to purchase or lease equipment to enable efficient management of the facility.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 1 Against

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

ARTICLE 50 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: 4 For/ 1 Against

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

ARTICLE 51 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$13,521 to support the general maintenance and upkeep of all municipal facilities. (Excluding the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons).

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

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

ARTICLE 52 To see if the Town will vote to accept a deeded Right of Way (ROW) on a parcel of land adjacent to and on the north side of that portion of the Sahagian Road, to the east of the Abena Shores Road, connecting to a private road. This parcel shall be sufficient to allow for a minimum of a 75-foot by 75-foot turn-around area to allow for proper winter maintenance of the road.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

ARTICLE 53 To see if the Town will vote to discontinue and terminate the public easement over that section of the Sahagian Road that is no longer of public use and necessity. This portion of road was formerly a Town maintained public way, which has not been used for that purpose since the mid 1970's. This section of road begins at the bend in the road, where it now connects to a private way, and extends to what was formerly known as the Sahagian residence (approximately two hundred and ten feet) This article to be effective July 1, 2007, subject to a 75-foot turn-around being deeded to the Town.

Selectpersons Recommend: 3 For/ 0 Against/ 2 Absent

ARTICLE 54 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$38,197 and appropriate \$26,361 from Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust earnings for a total of \$64,558 to support costs of operation and maintenance of Belgrade cemeteries for 2007. Itemized requirements are as follows:

Personnel Wages & Benefits.....	\$33,705
Services & Contracts.....	2,110
Supplies & Materials.....	6,643
Capital Outlay, Land & Buildings.....	<u>22,100</u>
Total.....	\$64,558

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

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

ARTICLE 55 To see if the Town will authorize \$3,660 of the unexpended balance in the Cemetery account (Article 64 in 2006) be placed in the Cemetery Reserve.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

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

ARTICLE 56 To see if the Town will approve cutting the row of trees between Plan 4 and Plan 5 of Pine Grove Cemetery and apply proceeds from the sale toward creation of a 50' access road to approximately five acres of Town owned forested land that are now inaccessible. (This operation, if approved, will be coordinated with the Town Tree Warden and Long Range Planning Committee.)

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

**** Social Services ****

- ARTICLE 57** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$450 as compensation for the Health Officer.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against
- ARTICLE 58 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$400 as compensation for the Town Historian.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against
- ARTICLE 59** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$8,474 to fund Animal Control Officer activities and provide a facility for the disposition of abandoned/stray cats and dogs.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 60** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$7,300 to administer the General Assistance Program.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against
- ARTICLE 61** 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: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against
- ARTICLE 62** To see if the Town will continue to allow Troop #453, Belgrade Boy Scouts of America and Belgrade Girl Scouts to promote recycling, by bundling and shipping used newsprint on Town property, and to authorize the payments of proceeds from newspaper recycling to Boy Scout Troop #453 and Belgrade Girl Scouts, from revenues therefrom in support of their programs and activities. To the extent that any such bundling and shipping is done in collaboration with other Town recycling efforts, Troop #453 and Belgrade Girl Scouts shall compensate the Town for its pro rata share of related expenses.
Selectpersons Recommend: 3 For/ 0 Against/ 2 Absent
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against

**** Recreation ****

- ARTICLE 63** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$5,050 for Recreation Facility operations (includes Long Pond Beach, Hayden Park, Peninsula Park and Ball Fields).
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 64** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$5,255 to provide for the operation and upkeep of the North Belgrade Community Center.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent

- ARTICLE 65** To see if the Town will authorize the Select Persons to expend a sum, not to exceed \$2,000 from the Recreation Capital Reserve Account for the purpose of installing an additional light at the Center For All Seasons new parking lot.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 66** To see if the Town will agree to place all unspent Recreational funds into the Recreation Capital Reserve Account.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 67** To see if the Town will agree to place all unspent Library funds into the Library Capital Reserve Account.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
- ARTICLE 68** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the Library Capital Reserve for a future larger, centrally located library.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 3 For/ 2 Against/ 1 Absent
- ARTICLE 69** To see if the Town will authorize the Belgrade Library Board of Trustees to raise funds for a larger Public Library.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
- ARTICLE 70** To see if the Town will allocate the State Snowmobile Registration reimbursements for use in maintaining the Town's Snowmobile Trails.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent

****** Inter-Government ******

- ARTICLE 71** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$5,600 as Belgrade's share of 2007 operating/maintenance costs of the region's three dams - Belgrade Lakes, Wings Mills, and Salmon Lake. Total projected cost in 2007 equals \$10,000 (Rome's share = \$2,700 and Oakland's share = \$1,700).
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against
- ARTICLE 72** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$2,000 for the Belgrade Tree Committee. This amount will allow, in areas of municipal responsibility, the removal of hazardous trees, the replanting and to allow for funds for matching grants.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against
- ARTICLE 73** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$6,800 to help support an initiative sponsored by the Belgrade Lakes Conservation Corp to preserve area lakes.
Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against
- ARTICLE 74** To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$3,100 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: 5 For/ 0 Against
Budget Committee Recommends: 6 For/ 0 Against

*****Debt Service*****

ARTICLE 75 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$63,280 to pay interest charges and costs associated with the municipal debt in 2007.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

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

*****Unclassified*****

ARTICLE 76 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$14,631.00 to pay Workers and Unemployment Compensation premiums for all municipal employees.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

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

*****Trust Activities*****

ARTICLE 77 To see if the Town will authorize the use of \$20,800 from the accumulated interest in the Don C. Stevens Fund for the benefit of students who attend Belgrade Central School during 2007.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

ARTICLE 78 To see if the Town will designate the accumulated interest (estimate-\$165) of the Don C. Stevens Scholarship Fund as of May 31, 2007 as an award to the highest ranking Belgrade student of Messalonskee High School Class of 2007.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

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

ARTICLE 79 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate an amount up to \$335 to supplement the Don C. Stevens Scholarship to equal \$500.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

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

ARTICLE 80 To see if the Town will release \$575 in 2006 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: 5 For/ 0 Against

*****Budgetary Authorization*****

ARTICLE 81 To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$402,947.17 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: 5 For/ 0 Against

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

Board of Selectpersons


Richard W. Dunham, Jr., Chairman

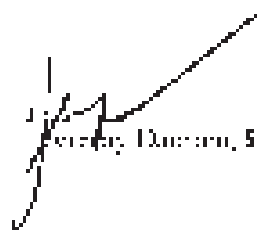

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Richard J. Carey


Christopher W. Morrow


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Jeremy Dunham, Public Information Officer

Public Information Officer'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 stated, by posting printed copies of the within Warrant at Cassidy's Country Store, Helgrade Post Office, Helgrade Lakes Post Office, Day's Store, Dwyale Etc. and the Town Office, the same being public and conspicuous places within the said Town of Belgrade on the 30th day of March, 2007.


Jeremy Dunham, Public Information Officer

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