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Honoring Robert G. Martin



Town of Belgrade
2007 Annual Report

Town of Belgrade



2007
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 2007

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Report Dedication

Robert G. Martin

Robert and Dorothy Martin were married in October 1948 and moved to Belgrade in 1950. They reside today in the same house on Route 27 where they raised three children, Russell, William and Linda. Bob has always been an avid gardener, raising both vegetables and gladiolas, which are sold by orders and to passersby. He is not only a “doer” but he is an active participant in many organizations representing his interests with the goal of promoting and improving their activities.



As a licensed professional engineer who worked 37 ½ years for the Maine Department of Transportation, he was one of the charter members of the Maine Society of Professional Engineers (MESPE), founded in 1959 to promote quality and excellence in all aspects of the engineering field. Recently he became very active in the “MESPE” scholarship program, chairing the Scholarship Committee. This Committee is charged with the responsibility of awarding the Robert E. Chute P. E. / Vernon T. Swain P. E. Scholarships to high school seniors pursuing a career in engineering.

Gardening has always been one of Bob’s favorite avocations. He has been and continues to be active in the Common Ground Fair, Maine Organic Farmers and Growers Association, and the Waterville Community Garden Club. He and Dottie together recently won the WCGC the Cleveland Traveling Bowl. This bowl is awarded to a member whose activities and efforts have made a significant contribution to the club.

More important, however, is his interest and expertise in raising gladiolas. Bob raises “glads” and other flowers at his home in Belgrade and his wife Dottie tends the stand, selling them for 35 cents each. He has developed a number of hybrid gladiolas. In 1984 he introduced the “Lady Jester” a cream-colored flower, and in 2004, he introduced “Raspberry”, a mini red-type glad. However, his claim to fame in the world of gladiolas is a double “glad” that he developed. He named this after his wife, Dottie,

and the “Dorothy S” is now Bob’s flower legacy, given to the entire world, and one that many people have sought to purchase in order to grow these double glads themselves. Also, as is typical for Bob, he has been active in the North American Gladiolus Society, serving as its Secretary for many years.

For those of us in Belgrade, Bob has been a quiet and soft-spoken, but active participant in our community. He has served our community in many ways.

Among just a few of the positions he has held are: Measure of Wood and Bark (1955 -1965); Budget Committee (1964 -1966); SAD #47 Board of Director (1966-1970); Belgrade School Committee (1964 -1966, Chair in 1966); Plumbing Inspector for over 15 years, member of the Board of Appeals since 1976, and Chair of that Board since 1980. No one knows our local and state ordinances better than Bob, a fact that many at the Maine Municipal Association will attest to, and many individuals, indeed the entire town, has benefited from his knowledge. While Bob may be retiring this year as the Chairperson of the Board of Appeals, he will stay on to help train the incoming Chairperson.

Beyond his service to the Town, Bob has been active in community affairs. He and Llewellyn Ashland began the Cub Scout program in Belgrade and Bob was the Commander of the Belgrade Lakes America Legion Post #140, and with their support sponsored the Belgrade Boy Scout Troop #453 for more than 40 years. Both he and Dorothy have been, and continue to be, active participants in the Old South Church and the Belgrade Garden Club, and Bob has been a long-time volunteer driver for the Kennebec Valley Community Action Program.

Our community owes a great deal of gratitude for his dedicated service. Bob has and continues to lead by example and provides a model of citizenship and community participation for all of us, and generations to come.

Memorial Dedication

Carolyn Mills Bickford

Carolyn was born in Sidney, Maine, August 21, 1928. She was predeceased by her husband Clyde. At the time of Clyde's death, they had been married for fifty five years. Carolyn and Clyde had four children, Sharon, Rod, Leigh and Vaughan. Rod and Leigh enjoy homes in Belgrade, Sharon lives in N Monmouth where Vaughan spends much of his time.

Carolyn graduated from Belgrade High School and Gates Business College in Augusta. She worked at the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

In 1950, Carolyn and Clyde build their home on Route 27, now known as the Augusta Road. They began their family and spent time at sporting events, being a Girl Scout leader and volunteering with the handicapped as the years went on.



Carolyn will be remembered best for her gardens. She loved flowers, and for many years had some of the most beautiful flower beds in town. She also spent countless hours at the Pine Grove Cemetery, watering and caring for flowers and plants. It started as a seemingly harmless desire to care for the plants on the lots of close relatives, but one row of thirsty plants lead to another, and another and soon the flowers of the entire cemetery got

their regular watering. Clyde said she was the most giving person he knew, evidenced by the many organizations she contributed money to year after year.

When we lost Carolyn in January of 2007, she had felt poorly for just a few months of her year long diagnosis with cancer, her family was grateful for that.

Memorial Dedication

Richard "Dick" Amon

Richard "Dick" Amon, a long-time resident and respected member of our community passed away on December 5, 2007. Dick was born in Boston on June 2, 1932 to William F. and Esther H. (Rautenberg) Amon. He graduated from Roxbury Memorial High School and earned a Bachelor of Civil Engineering Degree from Northeastern University in Boston. Dick was a U.S. Army veteran, serving with the Signal Corps in Germany during the Korean War. Sylvia, his wife, joined him there. During their life together they traveled extensively throughout the world.

In 1963, Dick and Sylvia moved to Maine and worked for Warren Brothers Road and was superintendent of construction of Interstate 95 in northern Maine. Dick, as president of the company, oversaw many changes occur as the company grew to become what is now known as Tilcon Maine. Dick also served as president of Maine Good Roads and Associated General Contractors. Dick remained active after retirement and became a member of the Board



of Directors of the Waterville Humane Society, serving as Chairman of its Finance Committee. He was also a Trustee of the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Waterville.

Dick loved the Belgrade area; first buying property in Belgrade in 1963 and building a camp on Long Pond that he and Sylvia later converted to their year around home in 1968. Dick was also very active in the Belgrade community.

He was no stranger to controversy and was the primary mover behind the creation of the Belgrade Area Dams Committee in the mid 1980's. He served as selectman from 1993 to 2000. Completions of the Town's Transfer Facility and Recycling Center and the Center for All Seasons are just two of many accomplishments during his tenure. The success of these projects was in large part due to his personal involvement and leadership.

The entire Belgrade community will miss Dick's leadership and sincere interest in it as evidenced by his own words, "...I feel that this Town as well as any other Town

should use their assets for the benefit of ALL its people to help promote and create jobs and decent living conditions for everyone.”

Dick devoted his time in Belgrade to this end...moving the community forward thus creating a better future for all of its residents.

Here are three among many personal remembrances of Dick.

“I worked with Dick for several years in many different aspects for the town. He was very dedicated to the Town of Belgrade in many different areas. The closing of the Landfill and as a well respected Selectman for many terms. He was a straight and to the point type of person. When something needed to get accomplished it was done in a timely and very business type manner. I am honored to have known Dick and to have been able to work with him. The Town of Belgrade was fortunate to have had such a dedicated and intelligent person work and donate the amount of time Dick did for the many years he contributed his time and energy in the many ways many people do not even realize.

Thank you for all you did for the town Dick. You will always be very fondly remembered by the Town of Belgrade and me.”

Ellen Edgerly former Adm. Asst.

“I had known Dick Amon for over forty years. I first met Dick in the early 1960’s. He had just moved to Maine from Massachusetts with his young family. Dick and my father both worked for Warren Bros Co. and knew each other well.

By the mid 1960’s I had joined the same company, working for many years as an accountant. At the same time, Dick was steadily climbing the corporate ladder, eventually acquiring the position of “company president”. Often times, I would approach Dick with my various frustrations and concerns. He always listened patiently to me and then would proceed to give me good, sound advice.



Dick always loved Belgrade, especially his home on Long Pond. Many company picnics were enjoyed on the shores of Long



Pond as well as corporate parties at the Village Inn.”

David Drouin

The first time that I met Dick Amon was at my interview for the position of Town Manager. I then came to know Dick first on a professional basis over the course of the next two years, and

subsequently I got to know Dick Amon the person starting then, and continuing over the next ten years.

I came to appreciate Dick’s intelligence, love, and fervor over things that he cared for, his Family, his Church, and his Community. The Town of Belgrade was the recipient of much of Dick’s efforts over a long period of time, and is a better place because of his work on its behalf.

Dick was, in my opinion, really a shy individual, who like a lot of shy people, would put up a gruff facade to mask the shyness. To use an old phrase- Dick’s word was his bond. Dick was always honest and forthright in his dealings with peers and subordinates and cared passionately about the people of Belgrade, its Citizens and the many of the Belgrade families, who worked for the Town and its many Boards and Committees.



I found Dick to be knowledgeable on a vast variety of subjects, and someone that I just enjoyed having a conversation with. Dick’s home was just down the lake from our camp on Long Pond and he would sometimes arrive in his small boat and tie up at the dock in front of our camp, and we would discuss everything from politics, to his latest trip, to some project that he was working on at his home. Other times he would invite me down, we would sit in the screened in area in front of his home and enjoy a libation and look at a sunset, these were special times, and I will miss them.

In recent times, I usually would run into Dick at the Post Office and he would always take time to talk and not just exchange pleasantries,

I will miss these moments and I will miss Dick Amon.

Robert Early

Memorial Dedication



Harold Alfond
1914 - 2007

Belgrade lost a true friend and benefactor on November 16, 2007. Harold Alfond, an unassuming man, whose eyes twinkled with affection and purpose, lived a full and rich life devoted to his family, his business and the people of Maine.

He married Dorothy “Bibby” Levine, daughter of a prominent Waterville family, on August 5, 1943. Harold and “Bibby” purchased the old McCormick property on Great Pond nearly 60 years ago and, with their four children: Ted, Susan, Bill, and Peter, “summered” on the lakes and regarded Belgrade as the “home of their hearts.”

Harold was a soft-spoken man with a common touch who inspired people to action, and could usually put the essence of a situation into a single word or sentence. Many local residents can readily associate with his three favorite phrases, “Don’t tell me, show me”, “Keep it simple” and “If you keep chopping wood, pretty soon there will be a pile.” In many ways, these sayings capture the special qualities that defined him.

Reference Numbers

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

Emergency Management Director

Mark Belserene, Director495-8813 (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 Childs495-2982/2145 (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

Kathy Ross495-2258 (W)
441-7121 (C)

Civil Constable

Jeremy Damren495-2258 (W)

Transfer Station

Belgrade Central School

MSAD 47 Superintendent

Messalonskee High School

Messalonskee Middle School

*Maine law requires that burning
permits be issued for all outdoor fires*

Emergency Numbers

Belgrade Fire Department911
Belgrade Rescue Squad.....911
Kennebec Sheriff's Department1-800-498-1930
Maine State Police1-800-452-4664
State Warden Service.....1-800-292-7436

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More “Handy” Information

Town Office Hours of Operation:

Monday	8 am - 4:30 pm
Tuesday	8 am - 4:30 pm
Wednesday	8 am - 4:30 pm
Thursday	8 am - 7 pm
Friday.....	8 am - 4:30 pm
Saturday ~ Open the last Saturday of the month from April - September 9 am - Noon and a Saturday in December. 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	11 am - 7 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 Electric	495-3233
52 Oakwood Drive, Belgrade, ME 04917	
Kaplan Electrical.....	495-2622
276 Augusta Road, Belgrade, ME 04917	

Plumbing Contractors

William Gee, Jr.	495-2167
169 Oakland Road, Belgrade, ME 04917	
Belgrade Plumbing & Heating, Steve Young	495-2189
107 West Road , Belgrade, ME 04917	
Bob The Plumber - Plumbing & Heating	495-2942
976 Wings Mills Road , Belgrade , ME 04917	
Paul Hanna	495-3805
555 Augusta Road, Belgrade, ME 04917	
Kevin Melvin	242-7744
546 Augusta Road, Belgrade, ME 04917	

Heating Contractors

KDNR Heating & Irrigation, Keith Kadnar	465-9326
P.O. Box 71, Belgrade, ME 04917	
R & E Heating, Eric Nilson.....	495-7747
P.O. Box 558, Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918	
Belgrade Plumbing & Heating, Steve Young	495-2189
107 West Rd., Belgrade, ME 04917	
Bob The Plumber - Plumbing & Heating	495-2942
976 Wings Mills Road, Belgrade, ME 04917	
Kevin Melvin	242-7744
546 Augusta Road, Belgrade, ME 04917	

Building & Carpentry Contractors

E.P. Construction/Eric Pelletier	495-2702
PO Box 205, Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918	
John Gawler (Sheet Metal Roofing)	495-3885
457 West Road, Belgrade, ME 04917	
Ronald Bellavance,	
Bellavance Construction Co.	495-2492
P.O. Box 164, Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918	
Larry Stanley	495-2976
P.O. Box 345, Belgrade, ME 04917	
Perry Biegon.....	495-2838
238 Dunn Road, Belgrade, ME 04917	
Paul Stevens.....	465-9395
P.O. Box 526, Belgrade, ME 04917	
Craig's Carpentry.....	465-3749 · 1-800-417-2880
P.O. Box 240, Belgrade, ME 04917	
Dan Trembly	465-9522
652 Oakland Road, Belgrade, ME 04917	
Guido's Construction	495-3632
757 West Road, Belgrade, ME 04917	
CLS Builders, Chuck Stuart	495-2598
PO Box 419, Depot Road, Belgrade, ME 04917	
David Willard	495-2841
15 Buck Ridge Drive, Belgrade, ME 04917	
Charles Davis.....	495-2755
28 Damren road, Belgrade, ME 04917	
Thomas Kenney	495-2997
27 Point Road, Belgrade Maine 04917	
R. E. Violette	495-2349
P.O. Box 409, Belgrade, ME 04917	
James Vogel	495-2913
204 Location Road, Belgrade, ME 04917	
Jerry Steiner, Steiner Floors.....	495-6028
P.O. Box 562, Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918	
Fisher Construction, Merle Fisher	465-3035
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 Hallowell..... 465-3344
70 Damren Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

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

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

Jason Stevens Excavating,
Septic Systems, Contractor..... 465-8254
314 Horsepoint Road, Belgrade, Maine 04917

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

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

Homstead Property Management 495-2849
171 Castle Island Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

OMNIgraphique DESIGNERS

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

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

Timothy Nutter..... 465-4242
7 Stevens Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

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

Surveyors

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Printers

Colorstorm 592-5990
P.O. Box 252, 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.

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

Belgrade has retained the traditional Town Meeting form of government with oversight provided by a board of Selectpersons. Day-to-day Town Administration is provided by a Town Manager, with staff of a Town Clerk/Tax Collector, a Deputy Clerk/Registrar, an 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

2,460

Schools

Belgrade Central School (K-6), Belgrade

Messalonskee Middle School, Oakland

Messalonskee High School, Oakland

All schools are in School Administration District #47

Churches

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

Union Methodist Church - Belgrade Lakes Village

St. Helena's Church - Belgrade Lakes Village

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

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

Health Facility

Belgrade Regional Health Center, Clement Way, Belgrade, ME

Belgrade's Elected Representatives to the State Government

SENATOR WALTER GOOLEY (R)

DISTRICT 18

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Belgrade's Elected Representatives to the Federal Government

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2007 Town Officers

Elected Officials

Board of SelectpersonsMelanie Jewell, Chair (08), Richard (Ricky) Damren, V Chair (10),
Richard "Spike" Carey, (09), Christopher Merrow (10),
Penny Campbell (resigned), Dan Newman (09)

Road CommissionerMaurice Childs

SAD #47 Board of Directors-Belgrade MembersFrank Fekete (08), Frank Haggan (09), Laura Corbett (07)

Town Meeting ModeratorJohn R. Bradshaw

Appointed Officials

Town Manager	Dennis L Keschl	Plumbing Inspector	Gary R. Fuller
Town Clerk & Tax Collector	Cheryl T. Cook	Secretary, Board of	
Treasurer	Pamela G. Tracy	Selectpersons/ Asst. Clerk	Mary Vogel
Deputy Clerk &		Secretary, Planning Board	Kaitlyn Foster
Registrar of Voters	Patricia E Robertson	Secretary, Board of Appeals.....	Penelope Morrell
Town Historian	Nancy Mairs	Assessor	Robert Duplisea, CMA
Health Officer.....	Katherine Riddle	Auditor	Keel J. Hood, CPA
Public Information Officer	Jeremy Damren	Animal Control Officer	Kathleen Ross
Code Enforcement Officer	Gary R. Fuller	Sexton & Maintenance.....	Scott Damren
Tree Warden	tish carr		

Appointed Boards, Committees & Department Heads

Budget Committee	Douglas Mather (09), Dennis Purington (09), Frank Haggan (10), John Perry (08), John Sutton, Chair (08), David W Leigh (10)
Planning Board.....	Peter Rushton, Chair (08), Stephen Foster (10), Karla Carey (09), Dan Pratt (08), Gary R Fuller, CEO, Dan Trembley (10), Norman Beaudoin, Alt.
Board of Appeals.....	Robert Martin, Chair (08), Peter Sargent (09), John Vogt (09), Kerri Hammond (10), Valton Wood (10), Gordon Pow (09), 1 vacancy
Board of Assessment Review	Gordon Pow (08), Betty Grant (09), John Vogt (08) Alt. 1 vacancy
Cemetery Committee.....	Michael Heino (10), Raymond Nutter (08), Carl Yeaton (08), Nancy French (09), Scott Damren, Sexton
Dams Committee	George Hoy, Chair (10), Percy Ackerman (08); Dennis Purington, Alt (10), Roger Pelletier (09), Dick Mackenzie, Chair (10)
Don C. Stevens Trust Committee.....	Pam Prescott, Chair (08), Amy Perkins, Jill Mackenzie, Frank Fekete, Linda Sprague
Board of Parks & Recreation	Jean Saucier, Chair (08), Carrie Brennan (09), Stephanie Feegel (09), Bill Getty, Alt., Linda Bacon (09), Genevieve Hall (08), Michael Atwood (08), Jean Dalton (10), Sue Perrino (10), Robert Steinberg (08), Kathryn Horton (10)
Transfer Station/Recycling Committee	Bruce Galouch (Chair), William Nason, Mike Burnham, Ricky Damren, Ray Hammond, Jack Sutton, Richard Carey, Gregory Keene, Gene Burgess, Bill Nason
Fire Department/Rescue	Jeffrey Stevens, Chief (10), William Pulsifer, Dep Chief, (08), Edward Ketch, Jr., Asst Chief/Lakes (08), Chris Henninger, Asst Chief/N Bel (08), Douglas Sawyer, Lt/Lakes (08), Bruce Galouch, Asst Chief/Depot (10), Lisa Day, Dir.of Rescue, (09), Mark Day, Capt/Lakes (10), Bruce Plourd, Capt/Depot (10), Travis Burton, Lt Rescue (10), Dan Newman, Lt.Depot (10), Dan Mackenzie, Capt N Bel & Training (08), Scott Damren, Lt. N Bel, (08), Richard McCarthy, Training/Lt Lakes St (10)
Long Range Planning Committee.....	MacGregor Stocco, Chair (10), Bruce Hazard (10), Mark Twist (11), David Estey (09), Peter Sargent (11), Adelaide Lalime (10), Daniel Newman
Recreation Director	Jessica Moore
Library Director.....	Marcia Haigh
Library Trustees.....	Edward Salmon (08), Nancy Mairs (08), Kris Viens (08), Loyce Hayslett (10), Elizabeth Fontaine (09), Mike Guarino (09), Patricia Pow (08)
Tree Committee.....	Kristie Wood, Chair (09), Doug Wood (08), John Blasenak (08), Norma Blazer (08), Sylvia Coulombe (08), Sue Gawler (08), Loyce Hayslett (08), Phil Sprague (09), tish carr, Tree Warden

Board of Selectpersons

On behalf of the Board of Selectpersons, I wish to extend a warm welcome to Dan Newman, our newest member. Dan was elected to fill the seat prematurely vacated and has already proven himself a reliable and participatory member of our Board. Thanks are also extended to the other members of our community who ran for the position of Selectperson – it is nice to see such enthusiasm to serve our town! One of those community members who did not win the seat, but still is interested in helping our town has taken a position on the Long Range Planning Committee and we are sure that Mark Twist's support will be greatly appreciated by the other members of that committee.

In speaking of Town committees, I wish to call attention to the many committees that have openings. First is the recently reconvened Long Range Planning Committee, which has been charged with assessing how to balance both the need for growth and the preservation of environmental and cultural qualities that are unique to Belgrade. This particular volunteer board is in dire need of community involvement or it risks disbanding. The Board of Appeals is losing a long time valued member following Town Meeting this year, and although a “replacement” for Bob Martin could not be found, the board needs a new member to fill the vacancy being left by his resignation. The Transfer Station and Recycling Committee has many openings and welcomes input from the public at their monthly meetings as well as new members. The Cemetery Committee also has a vacancy as Carl Yeaton has decided not to volunteer for this board again this year and those remaining will need help filling his shoes. Finally, the Tree Committee is in it's second year aiding and assisting in the preservation and planting of trees around Belgrade and welcomes new members as well.

This has been a fantastic year for Belgrade and there are many options and proposals being explored for our future. The Town Manager, the Town Office Staff, The Long Range Planning Committee and the Board of Selectpersons have been hard at work identifying and prioritizing the list of needs for the town. The ad hoc Building and ad hoc Library Committees have put in many hours assessing the feasibility of a centrally located, larger facility that combines the Town Office, a larger Library, a Historical Museum and the Food Pantry. The full report is available at the Town Office; please pick up a copy and familiarize yourself with the pros and cons of this proposal. I further request that you read the warrant articles put before you, and ask any questions you can before the Town Meeting so that you are armed with the information you need to make decisions for the town. I further urge you to vote the referendum articles the day before Town Meeting and to attend Town Meeting so that your voice and vote will be heard and counted.

In closing, I wish to extend the Board of Selectperson's thanks to the staff of the Town Office for their hard work and dedication, to the Town Manager for helping to keep the town operating smoothly and to Mary Vogel, the Selectboard Secretary for making sense of the various state regulations we must comply with on a daily basis. I respectfully ask that you (yes, YOU!) consider serving on one of the many boards and committees because we need your help for a successful future.

Melanie Jewell, Richard Damren, Richard Carey, Christopher Merrow and Daniel Newman



Christopher Merrow, Daniel Newman, Melanie Jewell, Richard Damren and Richard Carey

Town Manager's Report

Dennis L. Keschl

2007 has been a busy year for all of us and time has passed all too quickly. You may remember that the year started off with relatively mild weather, however at Town Meeting time, many towns had to reschedule their meetings due to a severe winter snowstorm. Then came the spring floods, which had little impact on our Town, but created severe problems for other nearby towns. In late summer we had two severe windstorms that put trees down across the town, including a significant hail event that left several inches on the ground just north of Belgrade in Rome. Finally the year concluded with several significant storms that caused us to use almost two-thirds of the salt and sand pile we prepared for the entire season.

None-the less, we accomplished a great deal as evidenced by the following activities:

- New roofs on the "old" Town Meeting House at the cemetery and the North Belgrade Fire Station
- Repair of the Bartlett railroad crossing after nearly nine years
- Improvements to both the West Road and the Dunn Road
- Improvements to the Transfer Station and Recycling Center including the reopening of the compost pile, the cessation of burning our wood debris with the expansion of the clean wood and brush pile, the initiation of a Universal Waste program, changes to our Wednesday hours of operation, the purchase of our skidsteer and electronic scale, and several enhancements to our recycling program (See Transfer Station and Recycling Committee report for more information)
- The purchase of a new storage system for our official records, and with the support of a safety grant, the purchase of new desks and used flat screen monitors to improve staff working conditions by reducing identified ergonomic safety issues

However, we were unable to award bids for the mitigation work at the old Chandler Road Landfill and the staining of the Center for All Seasons. This is because the costs for these two projects were underestimated and bids to do the work came in at 2 to 4 times more than the money set aside for the work. We have requested an increase in funding for these projects in the 2008 budget.

Toward the end of the summer, problems with water intrusion causing mold, carpenter ants, and mice required us to close the North Belgrade Community Center during the heating season. Cost estimates to resolve these problems ranged from \$20,000 to \$50,000 or more. While we plan

to open the facility as soon as weather permits, we want to be able to keep it open year around. Consequently, we have put an article in the Town Warrant to raise a portion of the money for repairs at the March 2008 Town Meeting. As Town Manager, I urge your support for this article to ensure that we can continue to provide the community with another place to congregate and socialize. We have been faced with similar problems at the Center for All Seasons, and are working to resolve these problems as well.

I want to thank all of our volunteers who support the Town by working on one or more of the many Committees and Boards that make it possible for the Town to accomplish its work. I want to especially thank the following groups:

- Belgrade Fire and Rescue volunteers – It goes without saying that without these people and the work that they do, many of us would be facing a different future than we are currently. These folks spend many hours away from their families to serve our community and its citizens. I believe that we all must and will support their requested increases in their budget.
- Long Range Planning Committee – This Committee has recently been brought back together to perform the required update to our Comprehensive Plan. They have been working during the past year to get information necessary to complete this project and have requested some additional funding to ensure that the plan is completed and put before the Town for approval at the March 2009 Town Meeting...a little over a year from now.
- Ad hoc Building Committee – This Committee was formed by the Board of Selectpersons to investigate the feasibility for the Town to move forward to meet needs identified in the 1998 Comprehensive Plan. Among the needs studied were: a new municipal office, expanded library, a history or cultural center, and an expanded food pantry. The Committee finished its work and presented the Selectpersons with its report (accessible on our website) in early December. I am asking that you support the warrant article requesting \$20,000 dollars to hire professional architectural assistance in the planning and conceptual design of a municipal multipurpose facility to meet identified needs.

We continue to face a problem with trash and litter on our roadsides. This problem also extends to our Town beaches, with trash, including dirty diapers, being left behind. These facilities are "carry-in/carry-out". We have increased our monitoring of these facilities, however, if you see someone



Cheryl Cook, Mary Vogel, Town Manager Dennis Keschl, Pam Tracy and Patricia Robertson

littering, please call the Town Office and we will address it. I am working with other groups to reduce this problem through education and enforcement of our litter laws. While we had thought that we might see a significant increase in illegal dumping as a result of the implementation of our fee program, this has not been the case. I have been involved in only seven illegal dumping incidents, and many of these involved material that was not subject to a fee or old tires. We hope to be able to reduce these incidents through the placement of game cameras to identify those who may be doing the illegal dumping.

Many people are using e-Belgrade to accomplish business with the Town. You can access e-Belgrade on our website, www.belgrademaine.com, and re-register your vehicles, snowmobiles, and ATVs, get your hunting and fishing license, license your dogs, etc...whether or not the Town Office is open. We are investigating the use of credit cards for transactions with the Town and will let you know as soon as we determine whether or not it is a feasible approach to pursue.

I have mentioned a number of warrant articles, so a word on our proposed budget for 2008. Our allowable LD1 growth limitation factor for the 2008 municipal budget (exclusive of school and county assessments) is 3.34%. The final municipal budget being offered for your approval is 21% over last year's budget. While some of this increase is driven by inflation, a majority of the increase results from necessary improvements to our municipal facilities or municipal services, and proposals to spend money in the short-term that will ultimately save money in the longer term. Therefore, you will be asked to vote to approve an increase to the LD1 property tax levy in order to meet the

requests in the proposed budget. I urge you to contact me at the Town Office, before Town Meeting, if you have any questions about any of these issues.

In closing this years Town Manager's report, I offer the following comment, "If we are to be a viable community, we must develop our municipal infrastructure to meet our citizens needs. With careful planning and a focus on the future, we can do so, while minimizing the impact on our taxes. I believe that we cannot and should not, create a perception that our taxes are lower in the short-term, while the real, compounded costs for much needed improvements, grow each year they are deferred.

Planning Board Report

The Planning Board was very busy during 2007. We saw a slight increase in the number of building applications within the Shoreland Zone submitted during 2006. On the other hand, the number of Subdivisions and Commercial reviews seemed to have dropped off a bit.

The Planning Board has had a few changes in personnel. Katie Foster has taken on the duties of Secretary. Norm Beaudoin has come on as Alternate. We are challenged with finding time to update various ordinances. Any volunteers are welcome. If you would like to donate your energy towards this effort, please contact myself or the Town Manager.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Dan Pratt, Katelyn Foster, Steve Foster, Karla Carey, Dan Trembly and Norm Beaudoin for their contributions to the Planning

Board. The group offers a variety of skills and experience to round out the Board. The incentives to do other things are many, yet these fine residents find time to actively participate in the process. I'm proud to work together with such a dynamic group.

I also want to express my personal gratitude to Steve Foster. Steve has been on the Planning Board for many years. In recent history, Steve's role has been Chairman. This year, he decided to change his role on the board and has surrendered his seat. Thank you Steve for a job well done!

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Rushton, Chairperson

Road Commissioner's Report

During the past year we did a major project on the Dunn Road, rebuilding the hill by Hazards. We did a skinny mix of the rest of the Dunn Road from there to the West Road and finished paving the West Road.

This year if the budget is approved we will work in North Belgrade on the McGrath Pond Road.

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
FROM: Richard A MacKenzie
Chairman, Dam Committee

In 2007, we determined that both the Salmon Lake Dam and Great Pond Dam were in need of repair, Salmon Lake because its gate skin is porous in certain spots and Great Pond because of excessive leaking at the North side of the spillway. An estimate of total cost to repair Great Pond Dam and proposed division would be as follows:

Belgrade	\$36,360
Rome	\$15,120
Oakland	<u>\$ 9,520</u>
Total	\$56,000

Salmon Lake cost has not been totally determined, but would be in the \$12,000 to \$16,000 area and apportioned accordingly. At present, different alternatives are being discussed on the timing of the needed repairs and funding.

We have two new members from the Town of Rome, Jack Schultz and John Mulville.

The Dam Committee would like to thank the residents and officials of Belgrade, Rome and Oakland for their support.

Sincerely,
Richard A MacKenzie
Chairperson, Dam Committee

Kennebec County Sheriff's Report

'First to Serve -- 1799'

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January 28, 2008

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 12,442 calls for service during 2007. The Sheriff Office holds Sexual Assaults, Domestic Violence and Narcotics Investigations as its central focus. We continue to provide a ten-man Dive Rescue Team, a K-9 Team, Accident Reconstruction Investigators, Civil Service, Court Security, a D.A.R.P. program in twelve schools, and a twelve-man Drug Operations Team.

In 2007, Deputies executed 171 Drug Search Warrants and Probation Checks, focusing primarily on Cocaine, Heroin, and Prescription Pill Trafficking. 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 2007, the Correctional Facility housed 3,823 inmates, which included 3 Murder-related defendants, 823 Felony-level crimes, 410 Narcotic Violations and 29,332 Misdemeanor Offenses. Our Correctional Facility manages up to 283 inmates per day. Through innovative programs such as Maine Pre-Trial, Alternative Sentencing Program, 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 2007, Inmate Work Crews worked on more than 48 community projects. During this community service work, 923 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 \$473,323.

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 56,000 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 - 2007

Road	Incident	No.	Road	Incident	No.
Abena Shores Rd	911 Hang-up	1	Chaput Dr	Follow Up	1
Alder Ln	Aw - Not On File	1		Rescue	1
	Bail Check	4		Theft	1
	Follow Up	1	Clements Way	Alarm, Burglar	1
	Suspicious Activity	2		Rescue	1
Alder Park Rd	Bail Check	1	Cold Brook Dr	Welfare Check	1
Ambrose Cove Ln	Suspicious Activity	2	Cottonwood Ln	Alarm, Burglar	2
Andrew Way	Complaint	1	Dalton Ln	911 Hang-up	1
Apple Ln	Criminal Mischief	1		Property Damage Accident	1
Arcadia Cove Rd	911 Hang-up	2		Rescue	1
	911 Misdial	1	Damren Rd	Burglary (B & E) Past	1
Augusta Rd	10-59 Vehicle	1	Deer Dr	911 Hang-up	1
	911 Hang-up	3	Depot Rd	911 Hang-up	1
	Alarm, Burglar	5		Assist Other Agency	2
	Arrest	1		Aw - Not On File	1
	Aw - Not On File	1		Building Check	4
	Bad Checks	1		Criminal Mischief	1
	Citizen Assist	5		Complaint	3
	Building Check	32		Follow Up	1
	Complaint	14		Harrassment	1
	Domestic Dispute	2		Missing Person	1
	Escort	1		Motor Vehicle Stop	4
	Fire Call	1		Serve Protection Order	1
	Follow Up	5		Paper Service	1
	Harrassment	1		Rescue	1
	Motorist Assist	1		Serve Subpoena	2
	Motor Vehicle Stop	168		Suspicious Activity	1
	Property Damage Accident	15		School Visit	1
	Personal Injury Accident	1		Theft	1
	Serve Protection Order	1		Traffic Offense	1
	Rescue	1	Dem Rd	Fire Call	1
	Suspicious Activity	7	Dunn Rd	911 Hang-up	1
	Traffic Hazard	6		Alarm, Burglar	1
	Theft	3		Serve Subpoena	1
	Threatening	3	Dustin Dr	Alarm, Burglar	1
	Traffic Offense	10		Citizen Assist	2
	Welfare Check	3		Building Check	1
Barnett Way	Citizen Assist	1		Follow Up	2
	Complaint	4		Threatening	1
	Theft	1	East West Ln	911 Hang-up	1
Bartlett Rd	Burglary (B & E) Past	1	Endicott Rd	Suspicious Activity	1
	Theft	1	Five Finger Rd	Motor Vehicle Stop	1
Biddy Ln	Complaint	1	Foster Ln	Juvenile Offenses	1
Boterf Dr	Assist Other Agency	2	Foster Point Rd	911 Hang-up	1
Bouchard Ln	Citizen Assist	1		Animal Complaint	1
	Complaint	2		Complaint	2
Brook Rd	Citizen Assist	1		Motor Vehicle Stop	1
	Traffic Hazard	1		Sex Offender Registration	1
Burton Woods Rd	911 Misdial	1		Theft	1
Campground Rd	Traffic Offense	1	Freedom Rd	Search Warrant	1
Castle Island Rd	10-59 Vehicle	1	French Dr	Harrassment	1
	Burglary (B & E) Past	1	Gilman Loop	911 Hang-up	1
	Building Check	2		Complaint	1
	Motor Vehicle Stop	10	Glen Lea Rd	1048-unattended Death	1
	Property Damage Accident	1		Building Check	1
	Traffic Hazard	1	Golden Pond Rd	Alarm, Burglar	5
Cedar Camp Rd	Burglary (B & E) Past	1	Golf Academy Dr	911 Hang-up	1
	Complaint	1		Burglary (B & E) Past	2
Cementary Rd	Motor Vehicle Stop	1		911 Misdial	1
Cemetery Rd	Motor Vehicle Stop	1		Follow Up	1
Center Dr	911 Hang-up	1	Grandview Dr	Property Damage Accident	1
	Alarm, Burglar	1	Guptil Rd	911 Hang-up	1
Chandler Rd	Follow Up	1		Complaint	1
	Suspicious Activity	1		Follow Up	4
	Traffic Hazard	1		Motor Vehicle Stop	1
				Paper Service	1

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Road	Incident	No.	Road	Incident	No.
Hardwood Cir	Follow Up	1	Manchester Rd - continued		
Hatch Cove Rd	Rescue	1		Suspicious Activity	1
Healys Pass Dr	Juvenile Offenses	1		Search Warrant	1
Horse Point Rd	911 Hang-up	1		Traffic Hazard	3
	Burglary (B & E) Past	2		Threatening	1
	Traffic Hazard	1		Traffic Offense	1
	Protection Order Violation	1		Town Office Visit	7
Howland Hill Rd	Motor Vehicle Stop	1	Mcgrath Pond Rd	911 Hang-up	2
Hoyt Island	Burglary (B & E) Past	1		Complaint	1
Hulin Rd	Complaint	2		Follow Up	1
	Missing Person	1		Theft	1
	Serve Subpoena	3	Mill St	911 Hang-up	1
Jenney Ln	Alarm, Burglar	1	Mills Rd	Harrassment	1
Just-a-mere Rd	Animal Complaint	1		Motor Vehicle Stop	1
	Complaint	1	Minot Hill Rd	Burglary (B & E) Past	1
Kayak Ln	Alarm, Burglar	3	Modin Way	Citizen Assist	1
Kingfisher Rd	Citizen Assist	1	Nottingham Ln	911 Hang-up	2
Knowles Rd	911 Hang-up	2	Oakland Rd	10-59 Vehicle	1
	Animal Complaint	1		911 Hang-up	4
	Alarm, Burglar	4		Alarm, Burglar	3
	Assist Other Agency	3		Assault	6
	Bail Check	1		Assist Other Agency	1
	Complaint	2		Burglary (B & E) Past	1
	Domestic Dispute	1		Citizen Assist	11
	Canine Call	1		Criminal Mischief	1
	Motor Vehicle Stop	4		Complaint	13
	Property Damage Accident	4		Domestic Dispute	2
Lake Shore Dr	911 Hang-up	1		Fight	1
Lakeshore Dr	911 Hang-up	1		Follow Up	9
	Alarm, Burglar	1		Harrassment	1
	Property Damage Accident	1		Juvenile Offenses	3
Location Rd	911 Hang-up	2		Canine Call	2
	Citizen Assist	2		Missing Person	2
	Complaint	2		Motor Vehicle Stop	79
	Domestic Dispute	1		Property Damage Accident	9
	Escort	1		Serve Protection Order	1
	Harrassment	2		Runaway	1
Loon Call Dr	Alarm, Burglar	3		Rescue	3
	Citizen Assist	1		Sex Offenses	1
Lucy Weiser Ln	Fire Call	1		Serve Subpoena	1
Lupine Dr	Animal Complaint	1		Suspicious Activity	2
Main St	911 Hang-up	1		Traffic Hazard	2
	Citizen Assist	1		Theft	2
	Building Check	1		Traffic Offense	1
	Criminal Mischief	1		Protection Order Violation	1
	Complaint	1		Welfare Check	1
	Property Damage Accident	2	Old Route 27	Suspicious Activity	1
	Suspicious Activity	1	Old Rte 27 Rd	Alarm, Burglar	1
Manchester Rd	911 Hang-up	2		Building Check	1
	Animal Complaint	1	Pearl Dr	Citizen Assist	1
	Alarm, Burglar	1		Criminal Mischief	1
	Arrest	1	Penny Rd	Motor Vehicle Stop	1
	Assist Other Agency	2		Search Warrant	1
	Citizen Assist	2		Theft	1
	Building Check	12	Pheasant Run Rd	Citizen Assist	1
	Complaint	2		Complaint	1
	Domestic Dispute	1		Follow Up	2
	911 Misdial	2		Suspicious Activity	1
	Escort	1		Theft	1
	Intoxicated Subject	1	Pinkham Cove Rd	Complaint	1
	Motor Vehicle Stop	5		Suspicious Activity	1
	Property Damage Accident	7			
	Personal Injury Accident	3			
	Rescue	1			
	Serve Subpoena	1			

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Road	Incident	No.	Road	Incident	No.
Point Rd	911 Hang-up	2	Stoney Point Rd	Property Damage Accident	1
	Motor Vehicle Stop	1		Theft	1
	Property Damage Accident	1	Stony Point Rd	911 Hang-up	1
	Serve Subpoena	1	Taylor Woods Rd	Alarm, Burglar	1
Rainbow Rd	1048-unattended Death	1		Assist Other Agency	1
	Threatening	1		Complaint	1
	Traffic Offense	1		Missing Person	1
Random Way	Suspicious Activity	1		Motor Vehicle Stop	2
Red Oaks Lodge Rd	911 Hang-up	1		Property Damage Accident	1
	Citizen Assist	1	Town Line Dr	Complaint	1
	Motor Vehicle Stop	1	Wanser Ln	Alarm, Burglar	2
Rock Garden Est	Complaint	2	Warren Hill Rd	Assist Other Agency	1
	Serve Subpoena	1		Burglary (B & E) Past	1
Rockwood Dr	Burglary (B & E) Past	1		Citizen Assist	1
Rte 27	10-59 Vehicle	6		Follow Up	2
	Animal Complaint	1		Harrassment	1
	Assist Other Agency	3		Threatening	1
	Citizen Assist	5		Protection Order Violation	2
	Building Check	9	West Rd	911 Hang-up	2
	Criminal Mischief	1		Alarm, Burglar	1
	Complaint	4		Arrest	1
	Domestic Dispute	1		Burglary (B & E) Past	1
	911 Misdial	1		Citizen Assist	3
	Motor Vehicle Stop	154		Building Check	1
	Property Damage Accident	12		Complaint	3
	Personal Injury Accident	3		Harrassment	1
	Found/lost Property	1		Motor Vehicle Stop	4
	Suspicious Activity	3		Property Damage Accident	3
	Traffic Hazard	11		Serve Subpoena	1
	Theft	1		Suspicious Activity	1
	Traffic Offense	1		Traffic Hazard	1
Sahagian Rd	Alarm, Burglar	2		Theft	2
Sandy Cove Rd	Theft	1		Traffic Offense	1
School St	Search Warrant	1	West Hill Dr	Harrassment	1
Silas Burbank Dr	Follow Up	1	Whispering Pines Rd	911 Hang-up	1
	Theft	1		Follow Up	1
Smithfield Rd	10-59 Vehicle	2	Wings Mills Rd	911 Hang-up	2
	911 Hang-up	2		Arrest	2
	Assist Other Agency	5		Bad Checks	1
	Burglary (B & E) Past	1		Domestic Dispute	2
	Citizen Assist	6		Follow Up	1
	Building Check	1		Property Damage Accident	1
	Criminal Mischief	2		Suspicious Activity	2
	Complaint	9		Theft	1
	Domestic Dispute	2		Welfare Check	1
	Escort	2	Wood Rest Ln	911 Hang-up	1
	Fire Call	4			
	Follow Up	5	Totals:		1221
	Harrassment	1			
	Missing Person	1			
	Motor Vehicle Stop	80			
	Property Damage Accident	5			
	Personal Injury Accident	1			
	Rescue	1			
	Serve Subpoena	1			
	Suspicious Activity	2			
	Traffic Hazard	5			
	Traffic Offense	4			
	Welfare Check	1			
Snappers Cove Rd	Complaint	1			
South Sandy Cove Rd	Burglary (B & E) Past	1			
Spaulding Point Rd	911 Hang-up	4			
Stetson Ln	Rescue	1			
Stevens Rd	Complaint	1			

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 2007. Newspaper recycling continues to provide the main financial support of our Troop. Early on alternate Saturday mornings, you will see our Boy 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 the town residents. Along with funds derived from our annual popcorn sale, these resources allow for a strong scouting experience.

Our Troop consists of 28 boys, most of which 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 2007, Troop 453 participated in skiing, Summer Camp at Camp Roosevelt, campouts near Hamilton Pond, a camping and service trip to Gulf Hagas—the ‘grand canyon’ of Maine, and Maine Jam jamboree at Oxford Plains Speedway. Some boys participated in the Klondike Derby, a winter camping skills and endurance boy's division younger in the skills competition. In August, some of our older boys participated in a 4-day canoe-camping adventure on one of Maine's wilderness rivers, the St. Croix, guided by Phil Sprague.

Troop 453 service projects for 2007 included transportation of, 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, unloading a tractor trailer of pumpkins for the Union Church, and distribution of luminaries for the Christmas Stroll in Belgrade Lakes. In 2007, our scouts achieved rank advancement to Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class and Star ranks in addition to earning merit badges; a number of boys are a heartbeat away from Life Scout and are thinking about their Eagle projects.

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

We appreciate all the efforts from Scoutmaster, Larry Boyce, and express appreciation to David Miller, outgoing Committee Chairperson. 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 Steve Symonds at 495-3355.

Respectfully Submitted

Boy Scout Troop 453 Committee

Belgrade Lions Club

Once again it is time for the annual report of the Belgrade Lions Club. This year, as in years past, the Lions Club held our annual Ice Fishing Derby in February 2007. This is the major fundraising activity of the club. All of the funds raised from the derby are donated back to the community in various charitable ways. We would like to thank all of the local businesses and individuals who donated to our fundraising.

Some of these included purchase of exams and eyeglasses for those in need, two annual college scholarships, food bank donations, and the purchase of yarn for the Senior

Spectrum where it is knit into hats and mittens for children in need. We also make an annual donation to the Belgrade Health Center, have sponsored the Belgrade Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop, and provided cash donations to fire victims.

We look forward to serving the Belgrade community again in 2008 in any way possible.

Respectfully submitted

Belgrade Lions Club

Cub Scout Troop Pack 453 Report

We have been working hard on our achievements and also having some fun. Pack 453 has 34 active Scouts. The boys have been having weekly or bi-weekly Den meetings where they meet with their Den leader and other boys in their Den to work on special projects that usually have to do with the theme of the month or a badge they are trying to earn. We have Pack meetings monthly at the Center for All Seasons, where all of the boys and their families get together to be presented with badges, belt loops, pins, or other things they have earned. In October, we had a special guest visit to show us his model train set up and in December, we had a visit from Santa! In January, the pack is going to have an overnight movie and pizza party at the Center for All Seasons and in February, we will have a special celebration to honor the birthday of Scouting. March is always an exciting month for Pack 453, because we get to have our annual Pinewood Derby! In this event, the Scouts work with an adult to build a car that they will use to participate in a race with other Scouts from their Pack, the boys and adults have a lot of fun with this event. It will be held on Saturday, March 15th, at the Belgrade Central School gymnasium. This year we had a new track built, special thanks to the Carey family for building the track and to Hammond Lumber for donating the material. The race will begin at 12:30. Please stop by and watch the event and cheer on the boys!

Every year we try to go on a spring overnight trip. This year we are making plans to go to Buttonwood Park Zoo in New Bedford, Massachusetts. The boys will not only visit the zoo but they will get to go on a flashlight adventure where they will get to see the animals at night! They will also do some special projects and watch an animal themed movie.

Every year in the fall, the Scouts sell popcorn, this is the one major fundraiser that we do as a pack. The proceeds from this fundraiser are used solely for the boys to purchase the books they work from to earn their badges and all of the awards and special recognition they earn. A special thank you goes out to all of the generous people that bought popcorn or gave donations. Also to Christy's Store for allowing us to set up in their parking lot every year. This gives us great exposure and where we make the most sales. I am so impressed with the support that our community gives us!

Scouting is a great opportunity for boys in grades 1-5. We do a lot of fun things, learn some great values, make great friends and make memories that will last a lifetime! We do a sign up in September when school starts but boys can also sign up after that also. If you have any questions about our Scouting program, please contact me by phone at 495-2056 or by email, dianeplante@inbox.com.

Yours in Scouting

Diane Plante

Cubmaster Pack 453

Budget Committee Report

Frank Haggan, David Leigh and John Perry joined the Budget Committee during 2007. Rodney Bickford, Roger Nadeau, and Margaret Yeaton left the committee during the year. Thanks to all for your services.

The Budget Committee's responsibilities are to advise the Board of Selectpersons on financial matters and to make written recommendations on the Annual Budget to the townspeople, which accompany financial articles in Town Meeting warrants. Committee meetings held during 2007 included joint meetings with the Board of Selectpersons about warrant article proposals and others to monitor quarterly budgetary progress.

The Budget Committee's ongoing concern is to help Belgrade maintain a stable tax rate, as low as possible given demands for essential services and the amenities favored by a majority of townspeople. The challenge is that budget items directly controlled by the town amount to less than 30 percent of the Town's total tax commitment, the rest being school and county assessments. Belgrade cannot responsibly under-fund basic services, nor ignore important amenities in futile attempts to level tax rates with only 30 percent of budgetary control. The committee's recommendations for 2008 are made mindful of this challenge, and of these major concerns plus the constraints of LD1:

- 1 Town roads – public safety, rising asphalt prices, prioritization based on condition and intensity of use.
- 2 Town acceptance of private roads - precedence for future requests with high mileage potential and cost. The town's annual cost to maintain and plow roads averages about \$14,000 per mile.

- 3 Transfer Station – MSW disposal and hauling options, operational efficiency, disposal fees, improved marketing options and enhanced recovery of recyclables.
- 4 E911 reporting and dispatching – costs imposed by outside system changes.
- 5 Town revaluation – recent increase in spread between town and state valuations versus national downward trend in home prices.
- 6 Fire Department wage adjustments for regional parity.
- 7 Town office needs
- 8 Town library needs
- 9 CFAS and North Belgrade Recreation Center maintenance issues.
- 10 Opportunities for cost containment through regionalization.

While not under direct municipal control the committee is also concerned with these issues with potential tax implications for Belgrade:

- 1 Statewide school consolidation
- 2 A revised TABOR initiative
- 3 Initiatives to re-apply or eliminate some or all town revenue from auto excise tax, which now reduces Belgrade's tax commitment by \$600,000 annually.

Persons interested in volunteering for service on the Budget Committee are invited to contact the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Haggan (10), David Leigh (10), Doug Mather (09), John Perry (08), Dennis Purington (09), Jack Sutton (08)

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, 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 their willingness to assist again this 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



6-Year Fire & Rescue Response Summary

2002 - 306

2003 - 345

2004 - 356

2005 - 324

2006 - 286

2007 - 355

Total Rescue Calls.....	253
Total Fire Calls.....	<u>102</u>
	355

Transfer Facility and Recycling Committee

This year was a busy year for the Transfer Facility and Recycling Committee resulting in many improvements and changes in the way the Town of Belgrade disposes of the solid waste that it generates. The information provided in the following tables with the associated lists of major projects accomplished provides the facts surrounding the work, but it does not begin to provide you with the amount of time, effort, and dedication of those that worked to achieve these improvements.

Committee members held lengthy meetings two times per month scheduled throughout the year. As a result of the meetings a list of objectives was developed and then the work necessary to achieve the objectives began. In addition, the staff at the facility deserves significant credit for the successful implementation of the changes made. These changes have provided a significant reduction in the operational costs of the facility this year and will provide even more savings in the coming year. While not all of the changes made have received unanimous support by our citizens, however, as they were implemented, support increased.

Our estimated cost savings for 2007 total an estimated \$80300 resulting from reduced tipping fees and savings in rental fees for metal containers. Our total revenues were

\$40,227.62 (See Tables 1 and 2 below). Pursuant to Article #62 in the 2007 Town Meeting, the Town donated revenues (minus any processing expenses) from our newspaper recycling program to our Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. This year the Boy Scouts received \$2,246.87. And the Girl Scouts received \$550.10. The differing amounts are due to the fact that the Girls Scouts did not start baling until May.

We believe that our new Municipal Solid Waste Transportation contract with Waste Management Incorporated (WMI) will save us even more. This contract which will begin in July 2008 will significantly reduce the costs associated with the transportation of our waste to WMI's landfill in Norridgewock, with savings roughly estimated as high as \$20,000/year possible, depending on the amount of waste produced. We will provide you with more information on this contract and the savings produced after the contract begins.

If you have any questions please contact any member of the committee. The committee also welcomes all comments and suggestions for improvements and urges you to come to its meetings. While they are often lengthy they produce some great discussions and provide for improvements to our solid waste management practices and costs.

Table 1 - Belgrade Transfer Station Fees Collected - 2007

	Feb	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total \$
Acceptable Demo			426	489	420	702	433	627	72	294	3,463
Non-Saleable Demo			436	259	115	1096	749	569	293	118	3,635
Rugs			250	220	120	180	250	145	80	115	1,360
Tires			47	172	16	58	70	72	33	6	474
Refrigerant			30	135	105	105	150	180	75	60	840
Bulky Waste			329	515	324	364	533	252	290	103	2,710
Unknown	96	72									168
E-Waste			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	305	187	68	560
TOTAL \$	96	72	1518	1790	1100	2505	2185	2150	1030	764	13,210

Table 2 - 2007 Recycling Revenue \$

	Metals	Cardboard	Newspaper Magazines	Mixed Paper	Mixed Load	Unknown	Total
January						1219.21	1,219.21
February						877.08	877.08
March						1644.80	1,644.80
April						1381.45	1,381.45
May	447.63	1228.72		2300.00	1066.57		5,042.92
June	850.91		2680.85				3,531.76
July	792.59	1945.58					2,738.17
August	842.65						842.65
September	571.58		1969.50	2130.07			4,671.15
October	1237.82				2748.70		3,986.52
November	647.72						647.72
December	434.22						434.22
Total	5,825.12	3,174.30	4,650.35	4,430.07	3,815.27	5,122.54	27,017.65

Major Projects And Improvements – 2007

- 1 Contracted with Maine Resource Recovery Association (MRRA) for shipments of metals in April. Before that, the Town was getting only \$50/ton for metals and nothing for the tin cans that were recycled and we were paying \$100 per trip for hauling the metals for disposal and \$1000/year rent for each of the three metal containers we used. Our new contract eliminates the charge for metal container rental and transportations and we are receiving market value for the recycled metals minus a coop fee we are charged as a member of the Maine Resource Recovery Association. In 2007 we received \$5,825.12 in revenue from metal recycling plus avoided costs for metal container rental of \$3000..
- 2 Hired a Transfer Station Manager in May and reduced staffing from five to four people.
- 3 Implemented a fee system in May for bulky waste and demolition debris. From May through December, the town collected \$13,210 from fees. The primary reason for the fee system was to reduce the amount of material illegally disposed of at the Transfer Facility and to remove the subsidization of the costs for disposal of these materials from the property tax payers.
- 4 Conducted a thorough site clean up that now makes the Transfer Station more appealing.
- 5 Changed operating hours from 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning in June. For the months of June through December, 2,596 vehicles entered the Transfer Station between the hours of 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., thus validating the support of more than 500 citizens who responded to the survey that initiated this change.
- 6 The Town entered into a lease-purchase agreement for a new Bobcat Skid-Steer in June. Transfer Station personnel are using this equipment to move baled products, load trailers that pick up recycled products, move brush and wood debris and for snow removal.
- 7 Reopened the Compost Pile in July.
- 8 Negotiated a new contract with Waste Management Incorporated in Norridgewock reducing the tipping fee for MSW and bulky waste processing from \$63.09/ton to \$53.50/ton beginning on August 1, 2007.
- 9 Installed safety rails on both openings to compactor.
- 10 Shipped approximately 10 tons of clear glass to a glass recycler in Lisbon.
- 11 Contracted P.R.Russell to chip and haul away all wood debris in August.
- 12 As the result of a “Request for Proposals” for the Transportation of our solid waste issued in October we received and accepted a bid from WMI to haul and dispose of the solid waste. We roughly estimate approximately \$20,000/year as a result of this contract that will begin on July 1, 2008.
- 13 Created a new “brush pile storage area” to eliminate the past practice of burning this material and the subsequent costs associated with the disposal of the ash created. This was done by contracting with Kevin Hawes to remove and haul all ash to WMI in Norridgewock and placement of gravel for a new layout area for only brush in September. This approach will save an estimated \$3500 per year in ash removal and disposal.
- 14 Completed a study in September to identify the various options for the future operation of the Transfer Station. The results of which and recommendations from the Transfer Facility and Recycling Committee will be presented at a meeting to be announced.
- 15 Began a Universal Waste collection program in October.
- 16 Installed outside lighting for winter operations in October.
- 17 Installed a new compactor motor in November.

Belgrade Library

December 2007

The year 2007 was a major planning year for the Trustees of Belgrade Public Library. The Trustees and the Friends group conducted a feasibility study for funding a much needed larger library. The consensus was people will support a larger, centrally located library that offers more quiet space to read the newspapers, more space for children's program, more books and more computers. The concept of building a combined facility with Library, Historical Society, Municipal offices, and food pantry is preferred for the potential cost saving benefits. The Trustees are working with other town services towards this vision of a "Belgrade Municipal Commons".

Belgrade Public Library has issued over 1200 library cards; has a collection size of 6315 books, magazines, movies, CD's, and audio books; and has loaned 7,299 items in 2007 including 173 books borrowed from other libraries through the interlibrary loan program. Two public computers are available during library hours and the WiFi public internet signal is available on the porch 24/7.

Programming included poetry readings, book club, concerts, and candidate forums. Children's programming included Chewonki's Bugmobile, and C.S.I. fingerprinting as part of the Get a Clue summer reading theme; story times, music, and the Teddy Bear Picnic. In 2008 our programming schedule includes more concerts, community events, and book discussions. Our summer reading theme will be Catch the Reading Bug with many fun activities being planned. For information check the Library web site at

www.belgrade.lib.me.us

Volunteers worked on book fairs, concerts, story times, book processing and shelving, in 2007. Their commitment to enhancing library services for all Belgrade citizens enables us to succeed as we strive to fulfill our mission. We are very grateful for their many, many hours of service and enthusiasm.

The Friends of the Belgrade Public Library have been conducting fundraising projects for the larger library that Belgrade citizens will be proud to visit. The Friends and Trustees will be working hard in 2008 as they begin the capital campaign. The Friends meet the third Wednesday of the month and would appreciate your help. The Trustees meet the first Wednesday of each month in the Library.

The Friends of the Belgrade Public Library is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. The treasurer is Diane Bourque a Certified Public Accountant with over 20 years experience in public and private accounting. If you wish to make a donation to the Library Capital Fund or the Endowment Fund, you can reach Diane at 465-4915. The Friends new mailing address is P.O. Box 474; Belgrade, ME 04917.

Belgrade Public Library is open 25 hours each week: Tuesday 10-7; Wednesday 3-7; Thursday 10-7; Friday 10-1. Children's story time is Thursday at 10:30. Book group meets the first Tuesday of each month. For more information call 495-3508.

Respectfully submitted,

Trustees

Pat Pow, Loyce Hayslett, Ed Salmon, Mike Guarino, Nan Mairs, Kris Viens
(Michael Barrett and Becky Seel replace Nan and Kris as Trustees in 2008)

Friends officers

Judith Johnson, Linda Bacon, Diane Bourque, Linda Kohler

Staff

Marcia Haigh, Director; Sandra Fowler, Library Assistant

Comprehensive Plan Update

The Long Range Planning Committee is currently working on updating the 1998 Belgrade Comprehensive Plan. A Comprehensive Plan is a set of goals and implementation strategies for achieving those goals. We review the Town's history, identify significant natural habitat, investigate water quality, interview local business owners, assess road, fire department, emergency and other municipal services, and evaluate the town's capability to provide for the environmental and economic welfare of its residents. Basically, we perform a comprehensive analysis of the town, and address whether changes over the past decade warrant changes in municipal policies.

The volunteer committee meets monthly and welcomes all members of the public. Do you want more money spent on the fire department? Do you wish there was less traffic? Or better hunting? Or more snowmobile trails? Do you know of some property that should be preserved? Tell us why! Or set aside for future development? Tell us why! Whatever your interest, we encourage you to come to a meeting and help us figure out how to address the issue. We are currently drafting the plan and considering various public outreach efforts, such as Town Meeting and the July 4th celebration in the Village.

200 years ago, the population of Belgrade was approximately 1,000 residents. It took until 1980, or 180 years, for the population to double to 2,000. That left lots

of time for people (and the environment) to figure out what to do with the changes that come with a greater population. However, by the year 2000, a mere 20 years later, our population increased to 3,000 residents. That is a lot of people, houses, roads, and pollution in a very short period. So, even if we did not need to plan for change during the 19th and 20th centuries, it definitely makes sense to do so now.

Once the final Comprehensive Plan is drafted, it will be presented to residents at Town Meeting in March 2009. If approved, it will fall to the Planning Board and Board of Selectpersons to act on the recommendations outlined in the Plan. The Comprehensive Plan itself simply documents the conditions of the town and recommends how to address those conditions. However, the more input received during the writing of the Comprehensive Plan, the better crafted those recommendations will be, and the easier it will be for the Planning Board and Board of Selectpersons to make decisions in a comprehensive and organized fashion.

So, don't miss this once-in-a-decade opportunity to shape the future of your town!

Thank you,

Mac Stocco, Chair, Long Range Planning Committee

Health Officer's Report

This is a reminder to report certain communicable diseases to the local health officer. This may be important even when your doctor has reported the illness to the State. These illnesses should be reported even if you may have contracted the disease in another State and/or were seen by a doctor and were treated there. 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, MRSA and Toxic Shock Syndrome. If you should have questions about any illness or symptoms, contact your primary health care provider 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 viral and Strep Throat, Mononucleosis, Bronchitis, many strains of Flu and Staph infections. I must again remind parents of school-aged children to PLEASE keep sick children home if they are feverish, coughing, sneezing, vomiting, with diarrhea or any other symptoms that may expose others to the illness. If your child visited the doctor and is being treated with an

antibiotic, be sure that he/she is on this medicine for a full 24 hours before returning to school. This is also wise for adults working in a position in which you may come into close personal contact with other co-workers or clients.

One of the issues I encountered this year was addressed with the help of our local Animal Control Officer. Please take proper care of your pets and only keep as many as you are able to provide with adequate housing, veterinary care (immunizations), adequate nutrition, and safety.

Please remember that the local Food Pantry is serving Belgrade area residents with regular weekly hours. The Pantry also distributes food baskets on Thanksgiving and Christmas. This is a support service we provide to the needy in our community and is provided by volunteers. We would gladly accept and appreciate any contributions of food, money or volunteer 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 1-2-08

Animal Control Officer's Report

The Animal Control Officer's duties involve enforcing State Animal Welfare laws and Town ordinances pertaining to animals; educating the public on important issues concerning animals; and looking after the safety and welfare of pets and their owners.

Current Programs/Services

The following services are performed by the Animal Control Officer:

- Provide traps for catching strays and wildlife
- Pick up animals caught
- Impound loose dogs
- Rabies vaccination and license enforcement
- Investigate cruelty complaints
- Issue citations, summons' and attend court
- Report animal bites and enforce quarantines

The Town of Belgrade contracts with The Waterville Humane Society who participates in a spay/neuter program that provides low-income residents vouchers toward spaying or neutering their pets.

Past Year's Activities

I handled 165 calls with an average of 15 calls per month. This is a 12.75% increase from 2006.

Stray Dogs	55
Stray Cats	9
Animal Welfare Complaints	6
Horses @ Large Complaints	2
Water Buffalo @ Large Complaints	1

Kennebec Sheriff's department contacted me concerning a hoarding case. Much time and effort was spent working this case.

Annual Rabies clinic was held. Thank you to Dr. & Mrs. Cooper and Siarra Ross for your participation.

During the warm weather months I received several calls for bats in the residence. Fortunately the bats tested

negative for rabies. Residents need to be aware of potential exposures, as I have recently had several rabies cases in surrounding towns.

Animal Control Officer
Kathleen Ross

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

It is the unselfish acts of friendship and kindness that always seem to stick in our memories. So it was with Christmas, 2006 and the Belgrade Lakes Annual Christmas Stroll.

The Belgrade Historical Society's final fundraiser for 2006 was our participation in The Festival of Trees, organized by the Business Group and staged at the Village Inn. The Christmas Tree decorated and donated by the Society also was won during bidding by a few of our members. They in turn delivered this wonderful Christmas gift to Esther and Charles Pierce, who were set to spend their first winter here in Maine. Shortly thereafter, Esther passed away and Charles left our area to live with his children. They were a wonderful addition to the Historical Society... Esther for her remarkable spirit and stories of childhood summers spent on Great Pond and Charles for his unwavering devotion to his bride.

In January of 2007, the Society was treated to the unveiling of a donation to one of our members. Connie Parker, owner of the Yeaton Farm B&B, is in possession of the handwritten journal of Paul Yeaton, who originally built and lived in Connie's home. The journal dates back to 1829. Connie has since transcribed portions of the journal, which can be read on her website, yeatonfarminn.com.

February's monthly meeting found us at the Yeaton Farm B&B, where Connie shared background stories behind some of the local items she's collected over the years.

Other hi-lights this past year included a trip taken by several members to the Searsmont Municipal Facility. The purpose of the trip was to see how effectively a combined facility could work if adopted, in Belgrade. Bill Pulsifer, once again, donated his knowledge, time and energy to host the Walking Tour of the Belgrade Lakes village. This has always been a popular event and our appreciation goes out to those Main Street residents, kind enough to open their homes to our group.

Future programs for 2008 are already being discussed and set in motion. We hope to offer an Antiques Appraisal Day, as well as a tour of some of the areas classic camps and cottages. Gravestone rubbings, anyone? Again, we will feature programs with guest speakers, ranging from museum curators to area authors.

As in year's past, please join us! Guests are always welcome and we are taking new memberships. Meeting notices are posted in the Belgrade Town Bulletin, as well as advertised in the Morning Sentinel and Kennebec Journal. FMI call 495-2487.

Town Historian's Report

Belgrade as Part of the Kennebec Patent

Few of us growing up in Kennebec County were taught about our intimate connection with the Pilgrim settlers in Plymouth, Massachusetts. We learned of their lives in England, their reasons for coming to "new" England, and their hard times once they reached our shores, but all of that seemed miles apart in distance and eons apart in time.

Actually, the land that is now Belgrade was owned by the Plymouth Colony and was a good part of their luck. William Bradford and the Plymouth settlers asked for and were granted new land by King Charles in 1629, land which would allow them to expand and protect their only profitable venture the fur trade on the Kennebec River. Beaver skins were the coinage with which they could re-pay their English creditors and investors. With ownership and control of the Kennebec, Plymouth could keep other traders from getting to the Indian trappers first.

By all accounts, this grant called the Kennebec Patent, covered roughly one and a half million acres and stretched

in a wide band, east to west, fifteen miles each side of the river from the north line of Woolwich to the north line of Cornville, above Skowhegan. That area includes Belgrade and many other present-day towns.

The Pilgrims' loans were repaid and the Colony prospered. Gradually the beaver harvest declined for a number of reasons; the Indians became increasingly hostile, and the Colony's loss of control made white settlement along the river valley impossible.

In 1661, the entire Kennebec Patent was sold to four Boston businessmen. Their investment languished for nearly one hundred years, through the Indian Wars and until 1749. At that time their heirs convened in Boston because the Pejepscot Company was infringing on land they claimed on the lower Kennebec River. They responded by hastily enticing German immigrants to 100-acre lots in their new community of Frankfort, now Dresden.

To encourage and protect their investment in additional

new settlement on the Kennebec Patent, Governor Shirley of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts was entreated to build a fort further upriver. The Kennebec Proprietors themselves had Fort Western built in 1754 as a trading post at Cushnoc (Augusta), and Governor Shirley's military force immediately built Fort Halifax at Teconnett (Winslow). Only then did relative security follow the river valley into Gardiner, Pittston, and further north in present Kennebec County. Governor Shirley was almost immediately rewarded with one full share of the Kennebec Patent.

Before the War of Independence, Massachusetts had wrested complete legal control of Maine land- as far east as British control went. Numerous land speculators, mostly based in Boston and backed by Commonwealth law and courts, promoted and sold Maine land. Many of them also financed mills, churches, and roads for new settlements. Most buyers were required to clear five acres and build a house within a fixed time and to homestead the lot for seven to ten years. At the same times, settlers also came, who had no deeded lot, paid no money and felt no legal obligations. Kennebec County had its share of "squatters", as well as

many who applied for free lots or paid Proprietors like Robert Hallowell Gardiner for lots marked out on a map.

During and after the Revolutionary War, wealthy Massachusetts families with commercial and land interests were often forced by patriotic upheaval to flee to England or Canada, leaving untended their infant settlements and un-surveyed land holdings in Maine. Into this vacuum poured more settlers, with or without deeds, their numbers swelled by war veterans at the close of the fighting. As the Proprietors sought to sell off their holdings, previous settlers, veterans and speculators fought inside and outside of courtrooms over property lines, prices, and the value of improvements.

Most of the Kennebec County land away from the river was considered " back land" where towns were less well established and subsistence farming was common, as were the arguments about land ownership. The early deeds registered in Augusta include many from Robert Hallowell Gardiner, and some of these deeds pertain to lots in Belgrade, our town.

Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons

Phone: 207-495-3481 • 1 Center Drive, Belgrade, Maine 04917 • E-mail: communitycenter@belgrademaine.com

After building a successful relationship with the Waterville Area Boys & Girls Club/ YMCA, the Community Center For All Seasons, will request to enter into a third annual contract with the Club, beginning in April, 2008. The Center hosted many events, including the first annual father/daughter dance, the first annual mother/son dance and movie nights on the big screen! Several programs were offered, such as the after school education program, karate, dance, 55 & Alive, yoga, volleyball and basketball. Numerous rentals were scheduled such as weddings, reunions, bridal and baby showers, private parties, banquets, seminars and

trainings. Community functions were a big hit in 2007. Non-profit organizations such as the Belgrade Lakes Association, MSAD #47, Boy & Girl Scout Troops, Belgrade Historical Society, Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group, Cal Ripkin Little League and churches utilized the building. Not only did the center provide a safe place for kids to go, but now has established an event for each month of the year for the community to take advantage of. Below is a list of events planned for 2008. If you find interest in any of these events, please call for details.

Jan	18	Family Fun Night ~ BEACH PARTY	6:30-8:00PM
Feb	8	Father / Daughter Valentine's Day Dance	6:30-8:30PM
Mar	14	Vote	8:00AM-8:00PM
Mar	15	Town Meeting	1:00PM
Mar	22	Easter Egg Hunt	10:00AM
Mar	29	Talent Show	6:30PM
April	TBA	TBA	TBA
May	9	Mother / Son Dance	6:30-8:30PM
June	23	Camp Golden Pond: begins	8:00AM-4:00PM
June	23	Public Pool Opens	AS SCHEDULED
July	TBA	Live Comedy Magic Show	TBA
July	4	Ice Cream Social	4:00PM (Following the parade)

Aug	2	Fire Department Annual Bean Hole Supper	5:00-7:00PM
Aug	16	Inland Foundation Annual Bike & Ride	8:00AM
Aug	TBA	Boat for Kids & Lobster Bake	TBA
Aug	1ST DAY OF SCHOOL	After-School Program: resumes	Dependent on 2008 school schedule
Aug	TBA	Messalonskee Youth Soccer Registration	TBA
Aug	30	BELGRADE REGION AQUAFEST:	8:00AM-3:00PM
Sept	27	Running, Swimming & Kayak Races	9:00AM-2:00PM
Oct	4	Multiple Family Activities (see next page)	
Oct	TBA	Community Gathering	8:00AM departure, 6:00PM return
Oct	24	(Open House, "Yard sale" & Cookout)	6:30-8:30PM
Nov	Oktoberfest	November 21 Deadline	
Nov	TBA	Senior Citizens: Fryeburg Fair Trip	TBA
Dec	6	Halloween Party	9:00AM-3:00PM
Dec	12	Thanksgiving Food Drive (For Belgrade Food Pantry) Concert Holiday Craft fair (Followed by the Holiday Stroll in Village) Santa Claus is coming to Town!	6:30-8:30PM

FIRST FRIDAY CLUB begins February, 2008. Each Friday there will be a "lunch & learn" social hour from 11:15-12:15. Each month there will be a guest speaker to share an educational topic, followed by a potluck lunch and discussion. There is no fee for this club- just bring an open mind and a small appetizer of your choice!

The Board of Parks and Recreation has taken a step forward in developing a long range recreation plan for the Town. The Board meets on the second Wednesday of each month and is open to the public. Thank you to the members of the Belgrade Board of Parks and Recreation: Gen Hall, Susan Perrino, Jean Dalton, Kathy Horton, Bob Steinburg, Linda Bacon, Carrie Brennan, Bill Getty and Michael Atwood. We welcome our newest members: Fred Perkins (Chair), Steve Smith and Stephanie Feegel.

WHEN? Saturday, August 30, 2008- 8am to 3pm

WHERE? Belgrade Center for All Seasons & Belgrade Lakes Village

WHY? To celebrate the natural beauty of the Belgrade Lakes

To connect residents, visitors and businesses to the watershed in which they live, work and play

To raise funds for lake protection and public access

WHO? Sponsored by Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance
207-495-8863

Belgrade Region Aquafest

WHAT? A Community-wide, family event featuring RACES
5K 'Race for the Lakes'
Fun Run
Kayak and Swim races and ACTIVITIES
Letter Boxing
Geo-caching
Boat Rides
Games
Music
Fire Department Barbecue
Farmers' Market
& much, much, MORE!

Winter Hours:

Monday-Friday 10:00AM- 7:00PM
(OPEN GYM HOURS: January-March, Saturdays 11-2 PM)
Saturdays and Sundays are also available for private rentals

Summer Hours:

Monday-Friday 7:00AM-5:00PM and weekends will be available For Summer Rentals

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Moore
Director

Belgrade Cemetery Committee Report

In March 2007, Belgrade voters changed the way Town cemeteries would be managed. Instead of an elected Sexton, over whom there was little or no control by the Cemetery Committee or Selectboard, the Board now appoints the Sexton, hires the helpers and sets the wage scale. This marks the first time in Town history that the Sexton performs cemetery operation and maintenance functions as recommended by the Cemetery Committee and approved by the Selectboard.

One of the first management decisions by the Selectboard, based upon advice of the Cemetery Committee, was to reduce the cost of a burial to an amount that is less than half what had been charged by the elected Sexton. Another benefit of this change was the centralization of

cemetery data so residents and visitors can now obtain one-stop service and answers to questions about our cemeteries at the municipal office.

All monuments in Woodside, Pine Grove and Quaker cemeteries have been restored during the past three years. Our 2008 maintenance plan calls for the same work to be completed on stones in the Ellis Pond cemetery.

Respectfully submitted,
Belgrade Cemetery Committee

Report of Lot Assignments and Payments for Perpetual Care or Flowers in Perpetuity in 2007 for Belgrade Cemeteries

Lots purchased in 2007:

Timothy Clewley	P1-R8-Lot 32	4 spaces	\$200.00
Kenneth Savasuk	P4-R10-Lot 8		50.00

Don C. Stevens Trust Fund Advisory Committee Report

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

The Parents Creative Arts Committee continues to extend our students' artistic and cultural experiences. This past year we have had a sculptress, a puppetry residency, a dance and movement residency, and a watercolor artist. Our students get great training during these experiences, which expose them to acting, prop and costume preparation, as well as creating sculptures, paintings, and performances themselves. This year students will be presenting a performance through the Missoula Children's Theater program.

The Trust helps to fund field trips, support for which continues to be needed in these difficult budgetary times. Our students are able to visit places such as Sturbridge Village, Children's Discovery Museum, Jordan Planetarium, and the Page Farm Museum. These trips extend students' learning

greatly beyond their textbooks.

The Fund provides many materials, which reach every student. Special funds to provide extra Art, Reading, Math, and Science materials are made available and are well used. Classroom libraries continue to grow. A special program to encourage reading was designed by our librarians. 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. This year we will have two authors visiting, one for the younger students and one for the older students. These wonderful authors and illustrators provide whole-school presentations, as well as individual classroom workshops.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Prescott (Chair), Laura Dunbar, Frank Fekete,
Jill Mackenzie and Amy Perkins

Don C. Stevens Trust Expenditures and Proposed 2007 Budget

		2007 Proposed	2007 Spent	2008 Proposed
General	Miscellaneous	\$500	\$500	\$500
Art	Teacher Supplies	\$1000	\$997.97	\$1000
	Laminator	\$ 500	\$145.29	\$ 500
	Ellison Letter Machine	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000
Enrichment	PCAC	\$7500	\$7497.00	\$7500
	Technology Resources	\$ 800	\$ 480.76	\$ 800
	Art Enrichment	\$2000	\$1810.00	\$2000
Math/Science	Materials	\$ 700	\$154.79	\$700
Field Trips		\$2200	\$1885	\$2200
Reading/Writing	References	\$ 500	\$ 463.55	\$ 500
	Library	\$1500	\$1522.92	\$1500
	Kennebec Valley Book Awards	\$ 200	\$200	\$ 200
	Pride Books	\$ 400	\$ 286.43	\$ 400
	Supplemental	\$2000	\$1991.94	\$2000
TOTAL		\$20,800	\$17,236.73	\$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 Click

& Administration. 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 2007 school year, the Robert A Guptill Historical Fund was used for a Grade 2 field trip to Old Fort Western, as well as a deposit for Grade 5 to Old Sturbridge Village and ½ the fee for the 5th Grade Field trip to Old Sturbridge Village. The fund was also used for books for Bethany Richards Grade 4 students. 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,

Catherine Gordon, Principal
Belgrade Central School

Interest and Disbursements of the 2006 year

December 2007	Ending Balance	\$2,590.84
Grade 2 Field Trip	Old Fort Western	-302.94
Grade 5 Field Trip Spring 07	Old Sturbridge Village	-322.00
Grade 5 Trip Fall 07	Old Sturbridge Village	-414.50
Bethany Richards/Books Grade 4		- 95.56
Adjustment to balance		+ 1.00
Deposit Annual Interest		<u>+575.00</u>
Ending Balance 2007		\$ 2,031.84

Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group

The Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group promotes the Belgrade Lakes Region as a 4-Season vacation and recreational destination. The Belgrade Lakes Region consists of the watershed towns of Belgrade, Belgrade Lakes, Mercer, Oakland, Rome, Sidney and Mount Vernon. We are 75 plus members strong. It is also the mission of this group to continue to contribute to the economic growth of the entire region and to give back to the community. We do that by sponsoring events for all ages. Anyone wishing to become a member please visit our website at www.belgradelakesmaine.com.

Our web site: www.belgradelakesmaine.com is constantly updated. We place a beautiful page sized ad in the summer vacation-planning edition of the Downeast Magazine. We produced a regional map highlighting activities, access roads, and highways as well as listing the Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group members. Pads of this map are available to all members to distribute.

With the support of our members and dedicated community members, our group sponsors the annual daylong July 4th Celebration and Christmas Stroll along Main Street in Belgrade

Lakes. This could never be accomplished without the help of all the volunteer organizations and individuals that are either asked or just seem to appear when there is a need. These people are truly appreciated. A new year is underway; let us help to make "memories that last a lifetime."

Respectfully submitted

Laura E Richter, President
Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group

President Laura Richter/Belgrade Lakes Four Seasons Cottages
Vice-Pres Gail Rizzo/Lakepoint Real Estate
Secretary (needed)
Treasurer Lorne McMillin/ Pressey House
Directors: Polly Beatie/ Among The Lakes B&B, Deb Gardner/ Great Pond Marina, Charlie Grover/ Village Inn, Diane Oliver/ Day's Store, Ted McCarthy/ Belgrade, Patricia Estey/ Castlenorth Real Estate, Karen Swan/ The Enchanted Swan

Superintendent's Report

January 14, 2008

Dear Belgrade Residents:

Who would have thought a year ago that school consolidation would become the driving issue of 2008? But that is exactly what happened in January of 2007 when Governor Baldacci made school consolidation the centerpiece of his state of the state speech twelve months ago. As we've all read and heard, the Governor's proclamation has been met with forceful resistance by many, praise by some, and interest by all. What does it all mean to our students and our communities?

Senator Peter Mills of Farmington likened it to the Governor "kicking the chicken coop". The issue has dominated the political and educational landscape throughout 2007. Why did the Governor take such a bold position? He has consistently shared two primary reasons.

First, Maine is facing extremely tough budget projections into the immediate future. According to the Governor, Maine is in dire straits; the state economy is unable to sustain current spending levels. Education spending accounts for one of the largest expenditures in the state, and through this consolidation initiative, the Governor is attempting to contain and/or curtail state education expenditures.

Second, the Governor noted the downward trend in Maine's student population; Maine has lost thousands of students over the past two decades, with no corresponding reduction in education costs. He proposed reducing the number of school systems from two hundred and sixty (260) school systems to just twenty-six (26). The Maine Legislature agreed that the number of school systems should be reduced to eighty (80), and that became law in June. The time line embedded in the law was aggressive, some say unrealistic, and has required the total commitment of many to meet implementation targets.

One of the first requirements of the law was the formation of a Regional Planning Committee (RPC), with broad representation from impacted communities. Messalonskee decided to partner with Waterville and School Union 52 because of our long-standing relationship working together on regional issues. A total of forty-six (46) people agreed to represent MSAD 47 towns and the communities of China, Vassalboro, Waterville, and Winslow; we began meeting in August. RPC membership included civic-minded individuals, town counselors, town selectmen, school board members and school personnel.

The RPC met throughout the fall with one overriding question...does consolidation make educational sense for our students, and will such consolidation "save" money as the Governor professes?

After weeks and months of meetings, many recommendations in the areas of finance, governance, personnel and transition have been made, but no ultimate conclusions have been reached as to whether the work we're engaged in is good for students or taxpayers. The RPC will continue to meet throughout the winter and spring of 2008. The RPC will present the case for consolidation to you, the voters of each community, and you will decide whether to form a larger regional school unit. You will have the final say. All of this work is complicated by a potential repeal effort and legislative modifications, even as we continue in earnest to determine whether consolidation makes sense.

As with any change of this magnitude, there has been major political backlash to consolidation to the Governor's consolidation mandate. Those who found the Governor's initiative unacceptable are in the midst of collecting signatures to force a citizens referendum to repeal the consolidation law, causing great uncertainty as to whether a vote on consolidation will take place by November 2008. Will the law be implemented or repealed? We may not know the answer to this question for months to come. In the meantime we must continue to assume the law will be implemented as passed. Though uncertainty exists, the RPC is legally obligated to move forward since the consolidation law was passed by the Maine Legislature and signed into law by Governor Baldacci last spring. I will keep you posted regarding consolidation efforts in the spring issue of the Messenger.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. James C. Morse, Sr.

Superintendent of Schools

Belgrade-Rome Special Needs Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is located in the basement of the Belgrade Town Office and is open Tuesday morning from 9AM to 11 AM for residents of Belgrade and Rome.

It's purpose is to provide food and select household items for individuals and families who may utilize the service intermittently, a one time emergency only or as we are seeing, increasingly, every four weeks.

2007, our 16th year in service to these two communities, saw growth in both the number of households and the number of individuals served compared to 2006. We served 66 households, a 16% increase, and 182 individuals, a 12% increase; of those 66 households, 23 were new clients in 2007. For the entire year, we served these households 305 times, providing food to 955 individuals, a 70% and 61% increase respectively. This averaged 29 households and 80 individuals each month.

We received a minimum of 6089 donated food items (this does not include the donations at Thanksgiving and Christmas which were numerous and impressive in generosity) and a minimum of 21,259 items were distributed. The balance is made up through the financial support of MANY people (year round and summer residents) and organizations such as the Long Pond Literary Club, the Belgrade Lions Club, the Belgrade Draggin' Masters, the Rome Ruff Riders, The Acorn Foundation, St Theresa's Guild, Kennebec Savings Bank, the Town of Rome, a bottle drive

at Capt J's in February and Dr. Tim Comford's drive during the Christmas Stroll. Additionally, a beautiful quilt was donated to the Food Pantry and \$849 was raised through the sale of raffle tickets. Food drives were conducted by Belgrade Central School, Rural Mail Carriers, Messalonskee Middle School, CastleNorth Real Estate and the Long Pond Literary Club. We consistently receive donated items from all area churches, commodities from USDA quarterly and matching grant funds (total \$500) from the Good Shepherd Food Bank in Auburn. My apologies if I have omitted any key contributors. We are grateful to EVERYONE who has supported our mission.

A special thank you to the dedicated volunteers, numbering over 20 strong at present and to the active Board of Directors. All contributions of time and energy are appreciated.

I welcome any questions from members of our communities. Call 495-3667.

Respectfully-

Linda Hale, Manager

Board Members at Large -

Vicky Bedard, Secretary

Jan Bourne, Reno Deschaine

Ken Weaver, Treasurer

Maureen Maslak, Betty Weaver, Joan Tripp, Volunteer

Belgrade Lakes Association

President's Report

The BLA is all About Community, Collaborations and Celebration!

What a year 2007 was for the Belgrade Lakes Association! We improved our ability via our newly designed spring and fall newsletters and our website, **belgradelakesassociation.com**. Please visit us online often and enjoy news on our lakes and 2008 agenda!

We continue to think globally, act locally, and establish new partnerships with local schools and other preservation organizations. In 2007, on Live Earth Day, the BLA teamed up with the Belgrade Community Center, the BRCA, the Belgrade Central School Ecology Club, and the Union Church to provide a fun-filled day of lake protection exhibits. Included that day were DEP Lake Day activities, a broadcast of the Live Earth concerts going on around the world, painting "Plant a Buffer" T-shirts, free cruises on Maine Lakes Conservancy Institute's floating classroom the "Melinda Ann", and great food. Thanks to all who participated.

The BLA continues to lead in lake protection and preservation efforts with our Gloetrichia Research Project, (report available on our website), Swimmer's Itch Program, LakeSmart Program, Courtesy Boat Inspection Program, and other water-quality initiatives. We are expanding our collaborative efforts, actively participating in the BRCA Lake Trust initiative, which seeks to encourage all lake associations within the Belgrade Watershed to work together

on shared water problems and possible solutions.

We will provide more and more volunteer opportunities in 2008 when we celebrate our 100th anniversary as one of the oldest lake associations in the United States. Alan Charles is our new volunteer coordinator and can be contacted at the BLA office in Belgrade Lakes if you wish to find our more information on how to help us.

As part of our centennial year, the BLA is exploring ways to build our endowment and to preserve and protect an historic building and boathouse in the Village that could provide us with more office space, exhibit space, retail space, and the opportunity to reopen the docks for everyone on Great Pond who belongs to the BLA. Stay tuned for more information.

All those who live or work in the Belgrade Watershed are invited to join us in our pledge to "Protect and Improve the Watershed of Great Pond and Long Pond through Preservation, Education and Action." We appreciate everyone's participation in all that we do, and we need your help to keep our association growing and robust, and our lakes clean and healthy for at least another 100 years.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Lowell, President

Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance

The Belgrade region is special to everyone who lives here for its natural beauty and recreational opportunities. BRCA has many functions; an umbrella organization for the five lake associations of the Belgrade chain of lakes, the land-trust for the Belgrade Lakes watershed, and a conservation clearinghouse for the region. BRCA's mission is to conserve the lands, water quality, and natural heritage of the Belgrade Lakes Watershed.

We help make things happen through our own programs and by cooperating with our partner organizations to accept grants and contracts for them, provide support services, and other arrangements that make it easier for them to sponsor projects. We work with landowners to help them achieve their conservation goals for their lands and benefit the community at the same time.

We are especially proud that our membership has grown to over 1000 members. Their volunteer efforts

and donations, along with the support of area towns, including Belgrade, make the conservation alliance efforts successful. There are many prospective projects for 2008, including formation of a watershed-wide stakeholder group and expanded education and outreach programs. Your conservation alliance thanks you for your continued support... we're in it for the long haul.

The Lake Trust is a collaboration of BRCA's Milfoil Program, the Conservation Corps, and the five lake associations that are dedicated to preserving and protecting the beautiful chain of lakes known as the Belgrade Lakes. Just as the water of the lakes is interconnected at the watershed scale, so too are the problems that affect water quality.

The Lake Trust was formed to accomplish the following objectives across the entire watershed:

- 1 To improve and maintain water quality of all the lakes in the watershed

- 2 To strengthen and support the individual lake associations
- 3 To foster public support and increase funding for water quality restoration programs.

The Land Trust Committee has been busy working on a number of different land preservation projects in the watershed. We are very pleased to report that we have recently purchased a 133- acre parcel of land that abuts the northwest portion of the Kennebec Highlands area that includes the headwaters of McIntire, Boody, and Kimball Ponds. This is another successful part of our on-going efforts to expand the Kennebec Highlands project. In addition to this purchase, we are currently working on a number of potential land purchases, donations, and easements.

Since its foundation in 1988, BRCA has protected nearly 1,200 acres through land acquisition and conservation easements. Total land BRCA owns is 832 acres, including popular recreational spots like The Mountain, French Mountain, and Mount Phillip. Total land under BRCA conservation easements is 352 acres. There are 26 acres of land protected in Belgrade with conservation easements.

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

BRCA Milfoil Program

The Milfoil Program's work to prevent further damage to the lakes from invasive plants will continue with your support. With your help, the BRCA completed 5777 total Courtesy Boat Inspections (CBI) on all the Belgrades in 2007. The CBIs were performed by a team of 16 paid inspectors and 15 trained volunteers and coordinators from the local lake associations. The public access boat launches were manned throughout the Belgrade Lakes from Memorial Day through Labor Day Weekend.

We were recently awarded the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP), Maine Center for Invasive Aquatic Plants (MCIAP), Invasive Plant Prevention Award for outstanding commitment to the protection of Maine's lakes.

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

Great Pond	1578
Salmon Lake.....	312
Long Pond.....	986
Messalonskee Lake	
Ramp on Rte. 27	1336
Messalonskee Lake	
Ramp at Hosta Lane	469
Total	4681

Significantly, the only invasive plants noted were at the Rt. 27 Messalonskee ramp before it was closed. The inspectors reported that boaters seem to have a much greater awareness of invasive plants than in previous years and are doing a better job of self-inspection. Since its inception, the BRCA CBI program has performed approximately 15% of all boat inspections in the State of Maine.

July 3rd marked the closing of the DOC's Route 27 ramp to motorized boats. That notorious site is now carry-in only, a beneficial use change that will greatly reduce the threat of milfoil leaving that site and entering other Maine lakes. DOC will continue to maintain floats there for the canoeists and kayakers. To continue access for residents, the DOC's new boat launch facility is on Hosta Lane in Sidney.

Equally important, the Sidney ramp is an example of low impact conservation design. The working area of the ramp is paved so it won't be eroded by vehicle traffic and drains not directly to the lake, but to vegetated swales on either side of the turning and backing area where the runoff is filtered by vegetation before running into the lake. Above this area is a section of porous pavers that prevents runoff coming straight down Hosta Lane toward the lake from draining straight into the lake. Instead, it infiltrates through the road bed and drains to sedimentation ponds on either side of the road before filtering through vegetated swales toward the lake.

BRCA Youth Conservation Corps

The youth Conservation Corps completed its 12th year, working to protect and enhance the water quality of the Belgrade Lakes by performing erosion control projects in the watershed. Two crews, 14 local high school and college students, completed 43 projects, 21 in Belgrade. To date, 494 projects have been completed, 163 in Belgrade.

Projects completed this summer included armoring eroding shorelines, planting buffers and rain gardens around the lakes, stabilizing bare soil and eroding paths, and diverting runoff from camp roads and driveways. The work sites this year included a highly visible buffer planting at the Village Inn in Belgrade Lakes, which, when finished, will highlight the role native plants can play in beautifying a lakeside landscape and protecting the lakes. The Corps completed the site preparation this summer and began planting; the garden will be completed by volunteers this fall and next spring.

Sincerely,
BRCA Board of Directors.

Belgrade Tree Warden Report

This past year was a busy year as the Tree Committee was in full swing after a busy 2006. Thanks to all of our volunteers, we worked diligently in maintaining the trees planted at Loon Cove, Hayden Park and Main Street. Committee members worked on developing a Tree Ordinance for the Town, which will continue through 2007. Education is critical and the ordinance is one aspect of it that we hope will be successful in the coming year.

A brief overview of the work all of our excellent volunteers accomplished:

- 1 Arbor Day Tree Planting at Belgrade Central School
- 2 Continued trees maintenance along Main Street as well as the entrance to Loon Cove;
- 3 Working collaboratively with the Cemetery Committee
- 4 Developed a Tree Ordinance
- 5 Continued educational outreach and developed a display board to raise awareness about the importance of trees in Belgrade

As Town Tree Warden, I am thrilled with the energy, enthusiasm and dedication of our Tree Committee. Thanks to all of you, John Blasenak, Norma Blazer, Sylvia Coulombe, Sue Gawler, Loyce Hayslett, Phil Sprague, Kristie and Doug Wood and our ex-officio member Carl Yeaton!



Belgrade Draggin' Masters Snowmobile Club

The snowmobile trail system is well maintained and is an important asset to the town. The thirty-plus miles of trails are also great for hiking/walking, cross country skiing and snowshoeing- nicely groomed trails and no user fees! Volunteers contribute their time and effort to make our system one of the best in the area.

This past fall, we worked hard to smooth up the Belgrade trails by removing rocks and stumps and adding fill and hay. This will enable us to keep trails smooth even when snow is scarce. We continue to maintain the 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. Our challenge this year is keeping the mud holes filled and passable, and we are making good progress. The new trail near the Wings Mills Dam worked well last season and is in top shape this year. It has proven to be a huge improvement over the old Wings Mills road crossing for safety reasons. So far, the snowfall has been much better than usual and the trails are in great condition. As we write this report, we hope the weather stays cold and that the snow continues to fall!

I personally wish to thank all the hard-working Club members. We had a great fun this past year with our Club's family members at our annual Club cookout. It was held at our usual location of Rat Mill Pond with many members and their families attending-we served hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken wings, dessert, coffee and soft drinks-it is a chance for our hard-working volunteers to relax and enjoy socializing

with one another. We look forward to March 8, 2008 for our cookout this year and encourage all Belgrade sled owners to join us in the fun at Rat Mill Pond, conditions permitting.

Local businesses continue to support our efforts through donations. At one of our major intersections, we have posted a large sign advertising many of those businesses. Thank you for your support!

On behalf of the Club, I would like to thank all the 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 landowner's supper. This year it will be held on April 5, 2008. We will be serving a complete spaghetti supper including all the fixings. Attendance at the supper has been increasing over the past few years and we would very much like to see a big turnout this year. We will be sending out reminder letters closer to the time of the event. At the supper, we are open to discussing any matter you may wish to discuss. However, should you have any problems or concerns during the season, feel free to contact me at (207) 495-3445. I or another club member will be sure to give our 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 Citizens of Belgrade:

As we mark the beginning of 2008 I welcome this opportunity to share some of the work I've done during the past year representing Maine in the United States Senate.

Maine plays a critical role in our national security through the men and women who serve in our active duty forces and our National Guard and Reserves and through the skilled employees who work at our defense businesses and installations. As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I successfully supported the vital work at Bath Iron Works, Pratt & Whitney, the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, and the Defense Finance and Accounting Center, as well as at smaller companies like Hodgdon Yachts and Global Research Technologies.

On the Senate Homeland Security Committee, I have worked to better protect our nation against the threat of terrorist attacks and to strengthen the federal partnership with our emergency managers and first responders in responding to natural disasters. The disruption of terrorist plots last year and the improved federal response to natural disasters, such as the Patriots' Day storm here in Maine and the wildfires in California, demonstrate that these efforts are producing real results. Building on our past successful efforts to reform the intelligence community and to increase security at our nation's seaports and chemical facilities, I worked with Senator Joe Lieberman again, to gain approval of a new law further strengthening our homeland security.

With so many pressing needs in this country, we cannot afford to see taxpayers' dollars lost to waste, fraud, and abuse. Working with the Inspectors General, I have written a bipartisan bill to reform wasteful government contracting practices. The Senate approved this bill in November, and I hope it will become law later this year.

Congress last year passed several bills that I advocated to improve health care, expand aid for education, and protect our environment. These include increased funding for the program to expand access to dental services in rural communities, additional funding for diabetes research, and an extension of a tax deduction for teachers. As a member of the Special Committee on Aging, I worked to create a Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease and introduced a bipartisan bill to block cuts in home health care.

Record-high energy costs are imposing a tremendous burden on our low-income families, truckers, and small businesses. With a bipartisan coalition of Senators, including Olympia Snowe, I fought for increased funding for Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). We secured a \$400 million increase over last-year's level and will continue to press for additional funding. I also have called upon the Department of Energy to stop buying oil for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve until prices moderate. There is no compelling justification for the Department to take oil off the market at a time when prices are sky high and consumers are struggling to heat their homes and fill their gas tanks.

We need to embrace the goal of energy independence to reduce our reliance on imported oil by developing bio fuels, such as cellulosic ethanol, by increasing fuel efficiency standards for vehicles, and by supporting research into better technology. The new energy law takes significant steps in the right direction.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the great State of Maine. If ever I may be of assistance to you, please do contact my Augusta office at 622-8414.

Sincerely,
Susan M Collins

State Senator Walter Gooley, District 18

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As we enter the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature, I would like to tell you what an honor it has been to serve as your State Senator. You, and the citizens of District 18, have entrusted me with the job of representing you in Augusta, and I take this responsibility very seriously.

The First Regular Session of the 123rd Maine Legislature adjourned Thursday, June 21, 2007, at 10:26 p.m. If you are interested in looking at the bills that were passed, you can go online to <http://www.maine.gov/legis/opla/legdig123rd-1st.htm> and view The Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Law. Here you will find summaries of all bills and adopted amendments and the laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

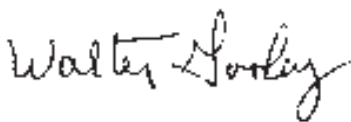
The Second Regular Session of the 123rd Maine Legislature convened on Wednesday, January 2, 2008. During this session, only bills approved by the Legislative Council are allowed to be considered by the Legislature. Of the 575 bill requests, 174 Legislators' bills were allowed in as well as another 47 submitted by the Governor's Departments and Agencies. In addition, there are 169 bills carried over from last session that still require legislative action. Although the second session is a short one, we have considerable work to get through before we adjourn. Some of the issues we will be dealing with include: increasing the time between car inspections to two years; requiring boat operators to take a boating safety course; clarifying whether the state can tax meals offered at summer camp; banning smoking in cars with children; and ensuring children's toys meet safety requirements.

We will also consider legislation to provide tax relief and at least two bills to correct some of the flaws with the school consolidation law. The Governor's latest plan to take over the county jails is likely to be one of the most controversial bills of the session.

I urge you to contact me with your opinions or concerns. One of the greatest aspects of my job is the ability to help my constituents. If you are having trouble navigating the state bureaucracy, please do not hesitate to call me. I would be happy to help in any way that I can. I can be reached by phone at 287-1505 or 778-2368 or by email at wgooley@hciwireless.net.

It is a great honor to be able to serve you in Augusta. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Walter Gooley
State Senator
District #18

Maine House of Representatives, Pat Jones



REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF BELGRADE

Dear Neighbors:

With the Second Session of the 123rd Maine Legislature now underway, I encourage your comments, suggestions and opinions on the many important issues that will be brought forward for our consideration.

There is a great deal of work to be done in this session and we will face many challenges. A slowing economy has made it clear that we will be looking at a budget shortfall this session. Rising energy costs are burdening us more than ever. I will work hard to support all efforts to conserve energy and to help Mainers by supporting alternative energy use.

As I write this letter in early January, our Governor's state of the state speech highlighted that more consolidation efforts, not only in our schools but our jail system and in other state departments will be considered. As these efforts move forward, I will work to assure that we have a quality education system with local control and that we thoroughly discuss all other consolidation efforts.

We will be forced to look at all state programs in a careful and thoughtful way. With no major revenue increases (taxes) planned, cuts in some programs will be necessary. Now more than ever we must insure that Maine residents get the most from their tax dollars and ensure that vital services are available to all residents. Providing affordable, quality healthcare to all citizens, improving our transportation system, and protecting our natural resources, while managing the tax burden will be subjects which will receive a great deal of attention during the session.

Please feel free to contact me directly to share your concerns and opinions about pending legislation. Your input allows me to more accurately represent your views, as we discuss these vital issues. I am committed to working to create a more efficient and cost-effective government.

I am deeply humbled by your trust in me to be your representative in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me with issues that may arise in your dealings with our various state agencies. You may reach me at home at 512-5102, or in Augusta at 1-800-423-2900.

Let's stay in touch!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Jones".

Pat Jones
State Representative

Code Enforcement Officer's Report

Although the total number of building permits issued in 2007 were slightly higher than 2006, 136 compared to 121, Belgrade has experienced a decline in single- family residential homes. Below are the comparisons:

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Single Family Dwellings	34	22
New Seasonal Homes	05	04
Alterations/Additions	34	45
Garages/Sheds/Acces. Building	33	38
Mobile Homes	04	07
Swimming Pools	02	02
Commercial Structures	03	07
Sitework/Erosion Control	00	01
Carport	01	00
Barns	01	02
Foundations/Retaining Wall	01	03
Manufacturing Plant	00	00
Storage Bldgs. Commercial	01	00
Sunroom	00	00
Boathouse (Repairs)	00	00
Bunkhouses	00	02
Ramp	00	00
Denied	01	02
Withdrew permit	01	01
Permits on hold	00	00
Parking Lot	<u>00</u>	<u>00</u>
TOTAL	121	136

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 72 Plumbing Permits were issued for the year ending December 31, 2007. Of these permits 39 were for external plumbing and 33 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

Marriages in 2007

12

Births in 2007

35

Deaths in 2007

26

Online Registrations

Vehicles 170..... \$29,636.43

Dog 11 \$ 33.00

Dog Licensing

Licenses Issued 176

Kennel Licenses Issued 3

In Memory Of

Deceased	Date of Death	Age
Charles J Alexander	May 9, 2007	67 years
Harold Alfond	November 16, 2007	93 years
Richard W Amon	December 5, 2007	75 years
Lumen C Barnard	March 24, 2007	81 years
Raymond A Bedard	April 29, 2007	54 years
Paul A Bickford	November 30, 2007	65 years
Carolyn M Bickford	January 7, 2007	78 years
Laura A Chaput	May 17, 2007	60 years
Joseph E Clewley	September 26, 2007	25 years
Gertrude T Cook	January 14, 2007	79 years
MaryJane Deary-Bergren	January 16, 2007	61 years
Charles Eaton	October 12, 2007	58 years
Louise E Frost	July 3, 2007	83 years
Aldace McKay Grant	April 3, 2007	72 years
Louise A Hanson	May 9, 2007	77 years
Cecile E Libby	July 27, 2007	58 years
Ronald P Mills	April 22, 2007	56 years
Brent A Nichols	March 26, 2007	50 years
Beverly J O'Neal	May 30, 2007	77 years
Esther Thompson Pierce	January 19, 2007	90 years
Chester A Piper	December 28, 2007	80 years
Mary T Rowe	October 7, 2007	69 years
Kenneth S Savasuk	October 22, 2007	60 years
Marie Spinhoven	January 6, 2007	88 years
Louise K Townsend	December 24, 2007	97 years
Jerome A York	August 19, 2007	34 years

Fish & Wildlife Licenses Issued

RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
Adult Hunt & Fish Combination 240	NR Hunt & Fish Combination..... 4
Adult Hunting 52	NR Fish..... 58
Archery 35	NR Big Game..... 2
Bear Permits..... 11	1 Day Fish 8
Coyote 6	3 Day Fish 40
Expanded Archery 17	7 Day Fish 21
Fall Turkey 7	15 Day Fish 17
Fishing..... 220	
Junior Fish..... 0	Total 150
Junior Hunt..... 16	
Migratory Waterfowl 31	Boats..... 1,085
Muzzle Loading Permit 49	Snowmobiles..... 819
Servicemen's Fish..... 5	ATV's..... 184
Small Game 1	MilFoil Resident 1,047
Supersport 3	MilFoil Non-Resident..... 55
Big Game 0	
Total 693	Total 3,190

Tax Collector's Report

2006 Unpaid Real Property Taxes as of December 31, 2007

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Bates, Robert S	49.27	Hoyts Island Homeowners Assn	93.77
Bergeron, Martha & Jason	197.52	Kenney, Cindy	347.11
Berube, Gerard & Bonnie L	788.64	LaFreniere, Lance J	1408.71
Bickford, Thomas & Paula	896.01	Landry, Linda L	890.84
Bond, Lori & Patrick	2764.66	Maine Central Railroad	612.51
Bonneface, Darlene	202.35	Markham, Janice	1763.38
Breton, Forest	190.28	Mathews, Vicki M & Vincent S	592.20
Breton, James & Jennifer L	3360.60	McCray, Keith A & Donna L	170.46
Carpenter, Dana & Tina	191.49	McKenna, Cheryl	275.94
Carpenter, Dana & Tina	2595.77	Medeiros, Darlene	712.76
Childs, Kathleen (Life Estate)	426.76	Merrow, Christopher	915.31
Clewley, Timothy & Vicki E	1297.72	Palange, Helen F	3291.84
Cochran, Marion	488.25	Partridge, Edward E & Janice P	2492.87
Conant, Douglass E & Melissa Rose	659.56	Pray, Edna Realty Trust	154.32
Cook, Kenneth H & Lisa J	1354.42	Sandgren, Carol & Iona	1139.68
Crain, Daniel	1291.05	Serio, Frank & Pamela	2451.01
Danforth, Veronica	488.25	Stevens, Betsy	120.31
Dexter, Patrick Vernon	1497.98	Stevens, Ormand	660.77
Dippolito, Maria	315.74	Stevens, Ormand	56.38
Fast, David J & Ona	18.96	Stevens, Betsy	741.59
Feldhouse, Walter B	905.65	Stilphen, Arthur & Brenda M	2384.66
Flanagan, Bartlett & Elaine	3723.72	Sturk, Suzette, Douglas,	
Frappier, George & Elizabeth	1160.20	Edgar & Tilton, Collette	3860.03
French, Gail & Fred E Sr	677.65	Wiley, Cecil	639.04
Grant, Jeffrey R & Michele M	497.91	Wood, Harvey & Joyce	1732.01
Green, Wayne	265.07	Wright, Chester D & Karen S	595.62
Harvey, Jane L	279.55		
Howe, Michael R Sr	1441.28	TOTAL	56,165.66
Hoyt, Bonnie A	36.23		

2007 Unpaid Real Property Taxes as of December 31, 2007

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
AKJ Associates	2,760.68	Aslam, Dru K	1.22
Alexander, Dwight	396.83	Baker, James H & Kimberly	244.20
Alexander, Dwight	374.85	Barnes, Gerald C & Donna J	2,354.09
Alexander, Dwight	368.74	Bates, Robert S	1,244.20
Alexander, Dwight	394.38	Beedle, Duane C & Julie A	40.72
Alexander, Dwight	376.07	Belgrade Lakes Camps Condo Assoc	45.18
Alexander, Dwight	389.50	Benner, David, Sue & Andre, Francis	400.49
Alexander, Dwight	380.95	Bergeron, Martha & Jason	161.17
Alexander, Dwight	643.47	Bernatchez, Brian & Amy	6,951.15
AMIK Realty	7,804.63	Berube, Gerard & Bonnie L	781.68
Ashland, Brian & Dori	465.20	Bessey, David H	2,329.67
Aslam, Dru K	1,385.84	Bickford, Thomas & Paula	890.35

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

2007 Unpaid Real Property Taxes as of December 31, 2007

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Biegon, Perry Jon & Wendy K	258.85	Danforth, Veronica	470.33
Biegon, Perry Jon & Wendy K	293.04	Davis, Jeffrey & Rebecca	597.31
Biegon, Perry Jon & Wendy K	260.07	Davis, Paul J & Debora M	202.69
Biegon, Perry Jon & Wendy K	262.52	Dernorsek, Denise E	1,289.62
Biegon, Perry Jon & Wendy K	3,030.77	Desimone, Michael D	253.97
Bond, Lori & Patrick	2,775.33	Dexter, Patrick Vernon	1,477.41
Bonneface, Darlene	166.06	Dippolito, Maria	280.83
Borssen, Arne & Sigrid	1,296.95	Dolak, Robert A & Julia A	1,156.29
Bouchard, Reginald & Maxine	189.26	Dolak, Robert A & Julia A	313.80
Bouchard, Reginald & Maxine	1,510.62	Eaton, Charles Jr & Nancy M	786.57
Bouchard, Reginald & Maxine	349.21	Ellis, Beverly & Diana	12.21
Breton, Forest	153.85	Ellis, Diana	106.23
Breton, James W & Jennifer L	3,362.63	Engel, John S	67.16
Brochu, Gerald R Jr & Chantal M	956.04	Farina, John P	2,791.45
Buck, Patricia	973.14	Farris, Carol & Earl	250.31
Buck, Patricia	1,645.91	Farris, Carol & Earl	247.86
Burbank, Cathy	410.01	Farris, Carol & Earl	278.39
Bureau, Kenneth E & Dorna R	1,483.27	Farris, Carol & Earl	246.64
Burgess, Chris J	847.37	Farris, Carol & Earl	249.08
Burton, Terry A & Claudia J	311.92	Farris, Jacqueline L	249.08
Burton, Terry A & Claudia J	1,210.26	Farris, Carol & Earl	245.42
Caliendo, Michael P, Thomson-Caliendo, James W	38.28	Farris, Carol & Earl	246.64
Cardali, Emile J	802.20	Farris, Carol & Earl	255.19
Caron, Ann & Scott	39.59	Fast, David J & Ona	2,335.77
Carpenter, Dana & Tina	155.07	Feldhouse, Walter B	877.90
Carpenter, Dana & Tina	2,588.52	Finley, Martin S Jr	634.92
CG Development	262.52	Firth, Sarah & Getty, William	2,351.89
Chaput, Carla	1,041.51	Fitz, James E & Margaret E	2,666.66
Chaput, Steven & Laura	1,307.94	Fitzgerald, David Jr	879.12
Chaude, Mary & Chaude, Jean	2,519.17	Flanagan, Bartlett & Elaine	3,730.16
Childs, Kathleen (Life Estate)	535.04	Flannery, Nioni, Ruth & Robert	1,010.01
Choate, Eugene P	73.26	Fortier, Wayne	1,167.28
Ciforelli, Robert & Esther	1,835.41	Fortin, Cindy	760.68
Clark, Douglas & Katherine	434.00	Franklin, Carol & Colin J	125.63
Clewley, Timothy & Vicki E	1,274.72	Frappier, George & Elizabeth	1,225.88
Cochran, Marion	455.43	French, Gail & Fred E Sr	669.35
Conant, Douglass E & Melissa Rose	642.49	French, Gregory	1,250.30
Cook, Kenneth H & Lisa J	1,332.11	French, Helen	684.98
Court, Dennis W & Leanne	1,647.37	Frost, Wendy Y	1,248.11
Courtney , Patricia A	228.33	Fulling, Tammy & Nathaniel	2,299.14
Craig, Alexander	369.96	Gee, Carol	1,323.56
Crain, Daniel	2,078.14	Geist, Mary Ellen	3,024.42
Crommett, Craig L & Ruth A	1,382.42	Gerrie, Mary P	349.21
Crosby, Donald L	1,285.71	Goudreau, Natalie J	407.81
Curtis, Margot I	1,213.67	Grant, Jeffrey R & Michele M	480.10
Damren, Richard & Mayna	107.69	Grant, Shawn	2,211.23
Damren, Susan	613.19	Grant, Shawn	561.66
Danforth, Allen J & Doris M	2,465.20	Grant, Shawn A	614.16
		Green, Wayne	223.44

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2007 Unpaid Real Property Taxes as of December 31, 2007

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Guite, Parris A & Pamela J	3,489.62	Merrow, Christopher	909.89
Guite, Parris A & Pamela J	1,946.27	Mills, Ronald	630.28
Hafford, Robert K	1,793.65	Morris, Penelope E	1,178.27
Hanson, Jennifer S	272.28	Murphy, James E	2,364.10
Harvey, Jane L	244.20	Nilson, Rhonda L & Erick T	673.99
Holman, Jeffrey R & Tammy L	100.00	Nilson, Rhonda L & Erick T	1,659.34
Hooper, Lucretia	775.58	Nilson, Rhonda L & Erick T	3,039.07
Howe, Michael R Sr	1,420.02	Nilson, Rhonda L & Erick T	934.31
Hoyt, Bonnie A	1,897.43	Nisbet, Everett & Louise	3,037.85
Hoyts Island Homeowners Assn	56.17	O'Connor, Shawn H	2,062.51
Hunt, Bob	1,207.57	Osborne, Gary M & Amy S	43.79
Hutchings, Duane	494.75	Osmond, David N	1,821.73
Hutchinson-Fontana, Diana	427.35	Page, Diane F	286.94
Intriago, Charles A & Joy M	6,225.88	Palange, Helen F	3,293.04
Jabar, John P Jr & Dibiase, Marlo	3,322.71	Parquette, Martin & Clare Terrace	3,697.19
Jabar, Joseph M Jr	1,208.79	Partridge, Edward E & Janice P	3,387.30
Kasper, Karl D & Deborah G	1,068.38	Partridge, Gerald	2,511.84
Kehoe, Dennis A	297.85	Pepper, David E	1,747.25
Kennebec Camps Jr	10,934.06	Pepper, David E	319.90
Kenney, Cindy	305.25	Philbrick, Paul C	456.47
Ketch, Edward L Jr & Beth	1,013.67	Pierce, Steve M & Renee R	1,605.86
Kinney, Kevin C	1,431.26	Pinkham, Catherine M	521.61
Knox-Voina, Jane	974.36	Pino, James A & Valerie R	1,174.85
Kriegel, Charles Busch	2,921.85	Pray, Edna Realty Trust	823.20
Kriegel, Charles Busch	505.49	Putnam, Molly J	1,321.47
LaFlamme, Monique	1,779.24	Rackleff, Loralie, Rideout, Vickie	1,279.41
LaFreniere, Lance J	1,387.06	Raynes, David & Lucienne	2,177.21
Lambert, Dawn & Shirley, Tammy	1,526.25	Reich, Leonard S	4,782.90
Landry, Linda L	868.13	Rutkoshy, Leonard John	141.64
Langdon, James & Ruth	1,989.01	Sandgren, Carl & Iona	1,137.00
Langer, Howard & Shellina	1,654.46	Saucier, James	2,515.26
Languet, Jon A	1,921.85	Sawyer, Carroll	46.40
Lavenson, Joel	2,869.35	Sawyer, Carroll	931.87
Lavenson, Joel & Crista	24.21	Sawyer, Carroll	407.81
Leonhardt, Robert L Trustee	3,951.16	Seifert, Betty L & Walter K	501.83
Lewis, Don M II	2,698.65	Serio, Frank & Pamela	2,464.22
Little, Rosemarie	1,017.34	Shepard, Amy	792.70
Maine Central Railroad	581.20	Shirley & Lambert Associates, Inc	2,162.39
Mare, Lawrence P	1,208.21	Smedberg, Willis P & Jeanne A	10.80
Marshall, Gilbert	68.38	Smith, Harland R & Amy	1,440.78
Mary T Servello Revocable Trust	5,633.69	Somes, Vicki	844.62
Mathews, Vicki M & Vincent S	2,092.79	Soucy, Carol L	647.98
Mathieu, Lucien F & Barbara L	2,376.07	Steinbeiser, Christian & Andrew	1,665.44
McCray, Keith A & Donna L	3,966.05	Steinberg, Robert J & Ann	1,566.79
McDonald, Peter F	319.90	Stevens, Betsy	83.03
McKendry, Peter J	1,223.44	Stevens, Keith M	260.07
McKenna, Cheryl	234.43	Stevens, Ormand	652.26
Medeiros, Darlene	1,492.06	Stevens, Ormand	18.32
Megill, Mark & Donna	810.74	Stevens, Betsy	628.82

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2007 Unpaid Real Property Taxes as of December 31, 2007

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Stilphen, Arthur & Brenda	1,249.08	Urbach, Herbert & Donna	1,811.96
Stilphen, Arthur & Brenda M	2,374.85	Veilleux, Chad & Julie	1,533.58
Stilphen, Arthur A & Brenda M	313.80	Violette, Randy R & Christine V	327.23
Stratton, Hal	59.83	Wasserman, Robert F	2,321.12
Stuart, Charles	2,047.62	Wasserman, Robert F	42.74
Stuart, Charles L	1,289.38	Webster, Jamison	351.46
Stuart, Charles L & Trisha L	1,337.00	Webster, John G & Sandra	2,122.10
Stuart House LLC	1,924.30	Willey, Cecil	608.06
Stuart, Charles L	2,846.15	Wilson, Robert W & Donna L	1,047.86
Sturk, Suzette, Douglas,		Wilson, Betty	555.69
Edgar & Tilton, Collette	4,096.70	Wood, Harvey & Joyce	1,714.28
Terhune, Susan	992.71	Wright, Chester D & Karen S	564.10
The Julia A Ellis Trust	121.49	Zozula, Robert B & Maryann	3,750.91
Timbercove Association	157.51		
Tukey, Colleen	797.56	TOTAL	315,589.23

2006 Unpaid Personal Property Taxes as of December 31, 2007

Name	Amount
Ardito, Ralph	28.95
Baloons N Things	11.58
Kennebec Millwork Corp	2,142.30
Shirley & Lambert Assoc Inc	370.56
TOTAL	2,553.39

2007 Unpaid Personal Property Taxes as of December 31, 2007

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Ardito, Ralph	30.53	Metrocall Inc	98.90
Baloons N Things	12.21	Rentway, Inc	23.20
Captain J'S	3.66	Shirley & Lambert Assoc Inc	390.72
Dell DFS SPV LP	23.30	Williams Scotsman	10.99
Kennebec Camps Jr	4.88		
Kennebec Millwork Corp	2,258.85	TOTAL	3,244.20

Tree Growth Penalties

Name	Amount
Clausen, Glenn & Merrifield, Rebecca	540.00
Hammond, Clifton	1,140.00
Klein, Dawn	2,744.00
Stevens, David	179.80
TOTAL	4,603.80

*Abatements for 2007
Real Estate*

Name	Amount
Dejong, Russell	2,306.74
Easler, Allen & Tina	682.54
Goldberg, Ronald	2,155.07
Gould, Diana & Roger	202.69
Holman, Jeffrey & Tammy	1,068.38
Mullins, Barbara & Ackerman, Percy	296.70
Parlin, Terry	313.38
Riley, Charles & Shirley	523.42
Riley, Charles & Shirley	508.95
Sargent, Peter	368.74
Poverty Abatement	212.58
Poverty Abatement	2,769.03
Poverty Abatement	36.19
Poverty Abatement	1,204.25
Poverty Abatement	932.44
Poverty Abatement	426.76
TOTAL	14,007.86

*Abatements for 2007
Personal Property*

Name	Amount
Citicapital Commercial Leasing	941.45
Citicapital Commercial Leasing	992.67
Lease Com Corporation	19.54
TOTAL	1,953.66

*Supplementals for 2007
Real Estate*

Name	Amount
Crocker, Walter	1,068.38
Davis, Paul & Debra	202.69
Ferrara, Joan	201.47
Mincone, Matthew & Sandra	560.44
Stuart House LLC	2,155.07
TOTAL	4,188.05

*Supplementals
Personal Property*

Name	Amount
Barton, Thomas	68.68
TOTAL	68.68

Town Employees' Wages (Annual)

Town Manager.....	41,507
Selectman/Overseers of Poor	1800/2000
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	31,382
Deputy Clerk	24,480
Treasurer	36,159
Assistant Clerk/Board Sec.	22,999
Maintenance/Sexton	18,798
Road Commissioner	Elected
Code Enforcement	14,047
Fire Personnel	FF 6.75 Chief 1200
Rescue Personnel	EMT 6.88
Recreation Director	Paid By Alford Center
Emergency Mgmt Director	Appointed
Librarian	17,803
Animal Control Officer	Stipend 2750
Transfer Facility Manager.....	12.85/per hour

Auditor's Report

KEEL J. HOOD

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

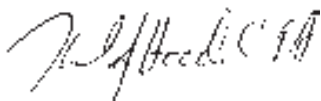
Board of Selectmen
Town of Belgrade
Belgrade, Maine

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, 2007, 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, 2007, 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 management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of 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, 2008

Complete Auditor Report on file in the Belgrade Town Office

Statement 1
TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Statement of Net Assets
December 31, 2007

Governmental

ASSETS	<u>Activities</u>
Current Assets:	
Cash	\$ 829,708
Cash - restricted	479,913
Receivables	
Taxes	375,045
Liens	57,962
Accounts	2,764
Total Current Assets	<u>1,745,392</u>
Noncurrent Assets:	
Capital assets net	7,290,525
Total Assets	<u>9,035,917</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	58,058
Due to trust fund	2,033
Lease payable	14,679
Total Current Liabilities	<u>74,770</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Lease payable	27,693
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>27,693</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>102,463</u>
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	7,248,153
Restricted	479,913
Unrestricted	1,205,388
Total net assets	<u>\$ 8,933,454</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, 2007

Function/Programs	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenues
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating grants and contributions</u>	<u>Capital grants and contributions</u>	
Governmental activities:	\$				
General government	549,625	28,093			(521,532)
Public safety	103,182	15,359			(87,823)
Public works	414,994	1,200	54,894		(358,900)
Health and sanitation	260,161	36,912			(223,249)
Leisure services	171,230	45,947			(125,283)
Social services	49,744		2,514		(47,230)
Special assessments	4,767,500				(4,767,500)
Unclassified	55,930				(55,930)
Debt service	73,519				(73,519)
Total governmental activities	6,445,885	127,511	57,408	0	(6,260,966)

					<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Net (expense) / revenue					
General revenues:					
Property taxes					5,265,874
Excise taxes					677,881
Interest and costs on taxes					21,735
Intergovernmental:					
State revenue sharing					182,773
Homestead exemption					51,028
Emergency management					
Tree growth					6,403
Other towns					4,400
Veterans reimbursement					1,018
Miscellaneous					11,432
Unrestricted interest					61,705
Restricted interest					15,844
Transfers in from trust fund					33,487
Total general revenues					
And transfers					6,333,580
Change in Net Assets					72,614
Net Assets - beginning					8,860,840
Net Assets - ending	\$				8,933,454

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TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2007

Statement 3

ASSETS	General Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Cash	\$ 829,708	\$ 829,708
Cash - restricted	479,913	479,913
Receivables		
Taxes	375,045	375,045
Liens	57,962	57,962
Accounts	2,764	2,764
Total Assets	<u>1,745,392</u>	<u>1,745,392</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	58,058	58,058
Due to trust fund	2,033	2,033
Deferred property taxes	331,000	331,000
Total Liabilities	<u>391,091</u>	<u>391,091</u>
FUND BALANCES		
Fund Balances		
Reserved:		
Capital purchases	479,913	479,913
Unreserved:		
Designated for subsequent years		
Revenues	66,443	66,443
Expenditures	71,683	71,683
Undesignated	736,262	736,262
Total Fund Equity	<u>1,354,301</u>	<u>1,354,301</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>\$ 1,745,392</u>	<u>\$</u>

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

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	7,290,525
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-periods expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.	331,000
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	
Leases payable	(42,372)
Net assets of governmental activities	<u>\$ 8,933,454</u>

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TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

	General Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:		
Taxes	\$ 5,927,489	\$ 5,927,489
Intergovernmental	303,030	303,030
Charges for services	118,422	118,422
Interest	77,549	77,549
Miscellaneous	36,933	
Total Revenues	<u>6,463,423</u>	<u>6,426,490</u>
Expenditures:		
Current:		
General government	298,028	298,028
Public safety	109,982	109,982
Public works	536,760	536,760
Health and sanitation	310,044	
Leisure services	171,230	171,230
Social services	49,744	49,744
Special assessments	4,767,500	4,767,500
Unclassified	55,930	55,930
Debt services	73,519	73,519
Total Expenditures	<u>6,372,737</u>	<u>6,372,737</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>90,686</u>	<u>90,686</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)		
Debt proceeds	46,127	46,127
Operating Transfers In (Out)	33,487	33,487
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>79,614</u>	<u>79,614</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures And Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>170,300</u>	<u>170,300</u>
Fund Balances - beginning	1,184,001	1,184,001
Fund Balances - ending	<u>\$ 1,354,301</u>	<u>\$ 1,354,301</u>

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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, 2007

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	170,300
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		174,693
Depreciation expense		(251,597)

Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, ut the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets:

Capital lease obligation principal payments		3,755
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Bond proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net:

Capital lease obligation proceeds		(46,127)
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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		21,590
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Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities	\$	<div style="border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 3px double black; padding: 2px 0;">72,614</div>
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Statement 6

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Statement of Net Assets
Fiduciary Fund - Cemeteries
December 31, 2007

	Private Purpose <u>Trust Fund</u>
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 174,133
Investments	879,029
Due from general fund	2,033
Total Assets	<u>1,055,195</u>
NET ASSETS	
Held in Trust	1,055,195
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 1,055,195</u>

Statement 7

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets
December 31, 2007

	Private Purpose <u>Trust Fund</u>
Additions:	
Investment income	\$ 58,933
Gains on investments	11,617
Donations	692
Total Additions	<u>71,242</u>
Deductions:	
Administration	1,912
Total Deductions	<u>1,912</u>
Change in Net Assets	69,330
Operating transfer out	<u>(33,487)</u>
Change in Net Assets After Transfers	35,843
Net Assets - beginning	1,019,352
Net Assets - ending	<u>\$ 1,055,195</u>

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TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Budget Comparison Schedule
General Fund
For the year ended December 31, 2007

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with final budget positive (negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Revenues:	\$	\$	\$	\$
Taxes	5,900,629	5,900,629	5,927,489	26,860
Intergovernmental	297,478	297,478	303,030	5,552
Interest	10,000	10,000	77,549	67,549
Charges for services	85,500	85,500	118,422	32,922
Miscellaneous	32,000	32,000	36,933	4,933
Total revenues	<u>6,325,607</u>	<u>6,325,607</u>	<u>6,463,423</u>	<u>137,816</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	306,420	306,420	298,028	8,392
Public safety	142,405	142,405	109,982	32,423
Public works	613,239	613,239	536,760	76,479
Health and sanitation	373,184	419,311	310,044	109,267
Leisure services	181,291	181,291	171,230	10,061
Social services	98,096	98,096	73,519	24,577
Special assessments	4,793,410	4,793,410	4,767,500	25,910
Unclassified	77,781	77,781	55,930	21,851
Debt service	50,665	50,665	49,744	921
Total expenditures	<u>6,636,491</u>	<u>6,682,618</u>	<u>6,372,737</u>	<u>309,881</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under expenditures)	<u>(310,884)</u>	<u>(357,011)</u>	<u>90,686</u>	<u>447,697</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Debt proceeds		46,127	46,127	0
Operating Transfer In	47,901	47,901	33,487	(14,414)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>47,901</u>	<u>94,028</u>	<u>79,614</u>	<u>(14,414)</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(262,983)</u>	<u>(262,983)</u>	<u>170,300</u>	<u>433,283</u>
Fund Balance - beginning	1,184,001	1,184,001	1,184,001	0
Fund Balance - ending	<u>\$ 921,018</u>	<u>\$ 921,018</u>	<u>\$ 1,354,301</u>	<u>\$ 433,283</u>

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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

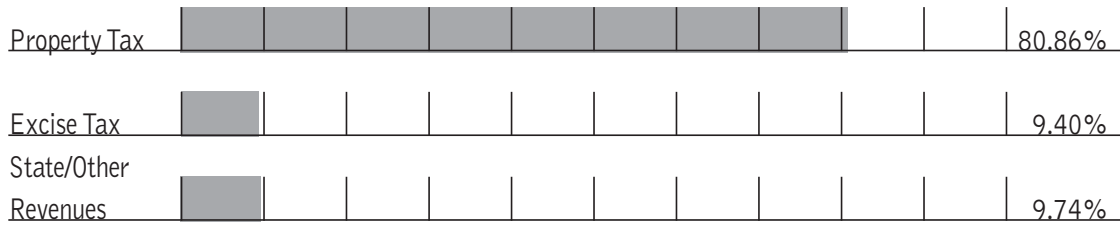
	Commitment
÷	Total of Municipal Assessments
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=	Mil Rate

2007 Property Tax Calculations

2007 Municipal Property Valuation	=	\$ 435,352,740
Total Revenues Required (School/Municipal/County)	=	\$ 6,547,598
Total Non-property Tax Revenues	=	\$ 1,257,851
\$ 6,547,598 – \$1,257,851	=	\$ 5,289,747 (Net Raised Through Taxation)
\$ 5,289,747 + \$25,909 (Overlay)	=	\$ 5,315,656 Commitment
\$ 5,315,656 ÷ \$ 435,352,740	=	.01221 Mil Rate (\$12.21 per \$1,000 of Valuation)

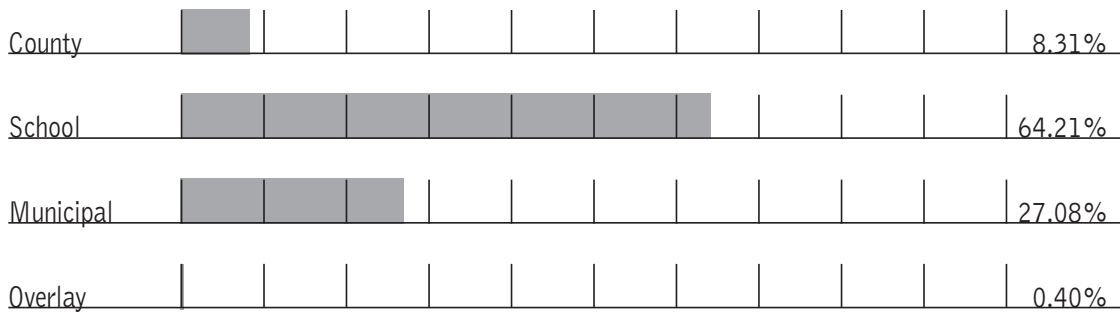
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Where It Comes From

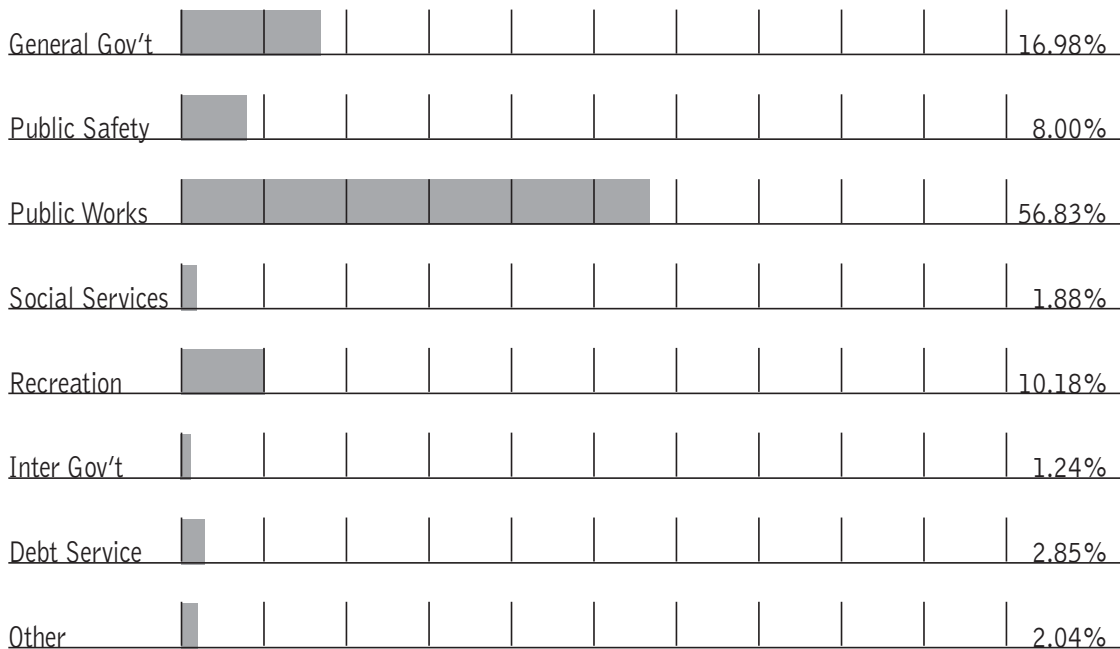


Where It Went in 2007

Analysis of Total Budget by Percentage



Analysis of Municipal Budget by Percentage



Treasurer's Cash Report

Cash Balance, January 1, 2007833,996.13

Receipts:

Prior Years Property Taxes186,835.27
Tax Liens105,668.49
Accounts Receivable18,457.75
State Licenses & Registrations336,067.97
Prepaid Property Taxes 2007589.67
2007 Property & Excise Taxes (\$14,568.75/473.71 refunded).....5,642,333.07
Licenses, Penalties & Fees (\$99.04 refunded).....65,785.91
State & Local Governments251,487.69
Recycling and Waste (\$1,875.87 refunded)38,787.61
Unclassified (\$12,836.30 refunded)125,569.14
Reserves & Trust Funds36,051.61
Due to Other Funds.....11,012.50
Due from Other Funds.....25,164.87

Total Receipts6,843,811.55

Total Available in 20077,677,807.68

Disbursements:

State Licenses and Registrations338,509.60
Net Payroll Deductions-12,008.72
Accounts Payable - Expenses16,004.62
Transfers - Due to Other Funds.....119,894.26
Refunds/Abatements/Overpays.....29,853.73
Recoverable Expenses14,950.73
General Government292,442.14
Public Safety129,551.54
Public Works578,903.89
Solid Waste263,916.66
Social Services26,731.85
Recreation173,311.20
Special Assessment4,767,500.30
Inter-Government.....21,269.10
Debt Service49,743.75
Unclassified13,631.00
Trust Funds19,536.65

Total Disbursements.....6,843,742.30

Cash Balance, December 31, 2007834,065.38

Treasurer's Budgetary Report

Expenditures

Area of Expenditure	Appropriation	Designated from 2006	Actual 2007	Lapse
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Board of Selectpersons	7,455.00		6,586.71	868.29
Emergency Requirements	7,500.00		822.54	6,677.46
Administration (adj. PR/=\$371.33/A/P+\$199.41)	209,350.00		211,382.70	-2,032.70
Town Manager (adj PR/ =\$1820.39)	48,903.00		50,585.75	-1,682.75
Assessing	22,200.00		21,771.60	428.40
Planning/Appeals Board	2,967.00	1,315.00	944.31	3,337.69
Growth Management	0.00	2,900.00	17.25	2,882.75
Hearings & Elections	3,830.00		2,722.41	1,107.59
GENERAL GOVERNMENT TOTALS	302,205.00	4,215.00	294,833.27	11,586.73
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Constable/Civil Emergency	1,780.00		489.18	1,290.82
Fire Department (adj A/P + \$9430.00)	67,161.00		67,160.41	0.59
Rescue Squad	25,622.00		24,588.13	1,033.87 *
Code Enforcement	14,342.00		12,909.78	1,432.22
Street Lighting	8,500.00		8,834.99	-334.99
Fire Dept Capital Reserve	25,000.00		25,000.00	0.00
PUBLIC SAFETY TOTALS	142,405.00	0.00	138,982.49	3,422.51
*paid \$4,000 to Rescue Capital Reserve				
PUBLIC WORKS				
Road, General Maintenance	121,815.00	5,000.00	106,343.42	20,471.58 *
Road, Paving	139,706.00		121,955.95	17,750.05
Road, Plowing & Sanding	304,572.00	15,893.00	286,128.57	34,336.43
Cemeteries (adj PR/ -331.92/A/P+\$1047.57)	64,558.00		42,011.35	22,546.65
Landfill Closure	12,732.00		10,232.00	2,500.00
Facility Maintenance Support(adj PR/ +\$197.47)	13,521.00		12,100.15	1,420.85
Solid Waste Management (adj A/P + \$545.28)	354,684.00	18,500.00	263,916.66	109,267.34
PUBLIC WORKS TOTALS	1,011,588.00	39,393.00	842,688.10	208,292.90
* Paid to the General Maintenance & Paving Capital Reserve				
SOCIAL SERVICES				
Health Officer	450.00		450.00	0.00
Town Historian	400.00		400.00	0.00
Animal Control	8,474.00		8,912.51	-438.51
Memorial Day Ceremony	150.00		50.00	100.00
Donations	16,764.00		13,764.00	3,000.00
General Assistance	7,300.00		4,200.91	3,099.09
SOCIAL SERVICES TOTALS	33,538.00	0.00	27,777.42	5,760.58

Expenditures continued

Area of Expenditure	Appropriation	Designated from 2006	Actual 2007	Lapse
RECREATION				
Recreation Facilities	5,050.00		4,355.77	694.23 *
Center/ Seasons (adj PR/ - \$496.80)	52,052.00		47,616.20	4,435.80 *
Center Improvements(Article 65)	2,000.00		1,093.43	906.57 *
North Belgrade Community Center	5,255.00		4,632.04	622.96 *
Library (adj PR/ + \$384.63)	39,434.00		33,009.59	6,424.41 *
Recreation Programs	77,500.00		77,492.00	8.00
RECREATION TOTALS	181,291.00	0.00	168,199.03	13,091.97
*Paid to the Recreation Capital Reserve \$674.56				
*Paid to the Library Capital Reserve \$5424.41				
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS				
MSAD #47	4,220,923.00		4,220,923.04	-0.04
Kennebec County	546,577.00		546,577.26	-0.26
Overlay	25,910.00		0.00	25,910.00
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TOTALS	4,793,410.00	0.00	4,767,500.30	25,909.70
INTER-GOVERNMENT				
Dams	10,000.00	19,375.00	11,369.10	18,005.90
Belgrade Tree Committee	2,000.00		0.00	2,000.00
Belgrade Lakes Alliance	9,900.00		9,900.00	0.00
INTER-GOVERNMENT TOTALS	21,900.00	19,375.00	21,269.10	20,005.90
DEBT SERVICE				
TAN Interest	50,665.00		49,743.75	921.25
DEBT SERVICE TOTALS	50,665.00		49,743.75	921.25
UNCLASSIFIED				
Workers & Unemployment Compensation	14,631.00		13,631.00	1,000.00
UNCLASSIFIED TOTALS	14,631.00		13,631.00	1,000.00
TRUST FUNDS				
DC Stevens Enrichment Fund	20,800.00		18,461.65	2,338.35
DC Stevens Scholarship Trust	165.00		111.00	54.00
Scholarship/Town Portion	335.00		389.00	-54.00
R.A. Gupthill Historical Trust	575.00		575.00	0.00
TRUST FUND TOTALS	21,875.00		19,536.65	2,338.35
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,573,508.00	62,983.00	6,344,161.11	292,329.89 **
Total Paid To Reserves*		122,737.89		
Total Carry Forwards		71,683.00		
Total To Surplus		97,909.00		
Total Lapse**		292,329.89		

Revenues

Area of Revenue	Appropriation	Designated from 2006	Actual 2007	Lapse
PROPERTY & EXCISE TAX REVENUE				
2007 Real & Personal Tax	5,264,599.00		4,919,617.08	-344,981.92 *
Homestead Act	51,058.00		51,059.32	1.32
Supplemental	0.00		14,584.16	14,584.16
Abatements	0.00		-8,694.50	-8,694.50
Vehicle Excise	600,000.00		659,181.93	59,181.93
Boat Excise Tax	18,000.00		18,698.90	698.90
PROPERTY & EXCISE TAX TOTALS	5,933,657.00		5,654,446.89	-279,210.11
LICENSES, PENALTIES & FEES				
Interest on Taxes	18,000.00		21,734.61	3,734.61
Town Fee/Vital Statistics	18,000.00		20,642.75	2,642.75
Licenses & Permit Fees	10,000.00		11,640.94	1,640.94
Town Ordinances	0.00		40.00	40.00
Cable Franchise Fees	30,000.00		27,843.27	-2,156.73
LICENSES PENALTIES AND FEES TOTALS	76,000.00		81,901.57	5,901.57
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENTS				
Municipal Revenue Sharing	175,000.00		182,772.85	7,772.85 **
Local Road Assistance	53,600.00		54,012.00	412.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	7,500.00		6,403.00	-1,097.00
General Assistance Reimbursement	3,650.00		2,514.44	-1,135.56
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	1,200.00		1,018.00	-182.00
State Grants/Other Funds	1,100.00		881.84	-218.16
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	246,450.00		252,002.13	5,552.13
RECYCLING & WASTE				
Waste Disposal Fees	0.00		13,543.02	13,543.02
Recycled Waste Sales	10,000.00		23,368.72	13,368.72
RECYCLING & WASTE TOTALS	10,000.00		36,911.74	26,911.74
UNCLASSIFIED				
Recreational Program Fees	47,500.00		44,922.34	-2,577.66 *
Library Fees	0.00		775.00	775.00
Animal Control	0.00		2,009.00	2,009.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00		7,410.00	7,410.00
Investment Income	10,000.00		61,704.74	51,704.74
UNCLASSIFIED TOTALS	57,500.00		116,821.08	59,321.08

* pd to AYC \$10,272.28

Revenues continued

Area of Revenue	Appropriation	Designated from 2006	Actual 2007	Lapse
RESERVES & TRUST FUNDS				
R.A. Guptill Historical Trust	575.00		575.00	0.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	26,361.00		14,903.96	-11,457.04
D.C. Stevens Scholarship	165.00		111.00	-54.00
D.C. Stevens Enrichment	20,800.00		18,461.65	-2,338.35
Recreation Capital Reserve	2,000.00		2,000.00	0.00
RESERVE & TRUST FUND TOTALS	49,901.00		36,051.61	-13,849.39
GENERAL FUND				
Undesignated	200,000.00		200,000.00	0.00
GENERAL FUND TOTALS	200,000.00		200,000.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES	6,573,508.00	0.00	6,378,135.02	-195,372.98
Total Lapse		-195,372.98		
Add:Accounts Receivable (*2007 Property Tax)		344,981.92		
Less: Designated Revenues (**Municipal Revenue Sharing)		-7,772.75		
Total To Surplus		141,836.19		

Reserves and Trust Funds

COMMUNITY CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	32,482.82
Add: Interest to 12-31-07	1,640.39
Less: Due to General Fund	-3,195.00
Balance 12/31/07	30,928.21

FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	66,606.85
Add: Interest Earned	3,363.61
Appropriation (March 17, 2007)	25,000.00
Total Deposits	28,363.61
Balance 12-31-07	94,970.46

RESCUE CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	38,173.43
Add: Interest Earned	1,927.85
Appropriation (March 17, 2007)	4,000.00
Total Deposits	5,927.85
Balance 12/31/07	44,101.28

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD MAINTENANCE AND PAVING RESERVE

Balance 1/1	26,435.37
Add: Interest Earned	2,014.21
2007 Unexpended to Reserve	15,471.58
Total Deposits	17,485.79
Balance 12-31-07	43,921.16

SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	35,355.43
Add: Interest Earned	1,785.45
Balance 12-31-07	37,140.88

SOLID WASTE CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	39,354.45
Add: Interest Earned	1,987.41
2007 Unexpended to Reserve	101,167.34
Total Deposits	103,154.75
Balance 12-31-07	142,509.20

RECREATION CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	46,705.81
Add: Interest Earned	1,872.39
2007 Unxpended to Reserve	676.56
Total Deposits	2548.95
Less: Due to Gen Fund Art 65 '07	-2,000.00
Balance 12-31-07	47,254.76

Reserves and Trust Funds continued

LIBRARY CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	2,534.64
Add: Interest Earned.....	128.01
2007 Unexpended to Reserve	424.41
Appropriation (March 17, 2007)	5,000.00
Total Deposits	5552.42
Balance 12/31/07	8,087.06

ALICE MARY CRAM TRUST FUND

Balance 1/1	4,422.91
Add: Interest Earned.....	202.09
Balance 12-31-07	4,625.00

GUY A. YEATON CEMETERY TRUST FUND

Balance 1/1 (Principal 1,000.00/ Interest 2093.08)	3,234.77
Add: Interest Earned.....	163.09
Balance 12-31-07	3,397.86

LACROIX CEMETERY TRUST FUND

Balance 1/1 (Principal 10,000/Interest 1145.15)	11,655.66
Add: Interest Earned.....	587.58
Balance 12-31-07	12,243.24

CEMETERY CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	4,346.99
Add: Interest Earned.....	271.77
Less: Due to General Fund	-2,399.00
Balance 12-31-2007	2,219.76

CEMETERY PORTFOLIO

Balance 1/1	333,090.99
Add: Unrealized Gains '07	5,201.08
Income (Real & Accural)	21,966.58
Transfer 2007 Perpetual Care Payments.....	1,200.00
Total Deposits	28,367.66
Less: Agent Fees.....	290.79
Transferred to CD.....	12,393.45
Transfer Additional Dividends to CD.....	1,200.00
Total Withdrawn	-13,884.24
Balance 12-31-07 (Market Value)	347,574.41

Reserves and Trust Funds continued

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST EARNINGS

Balance 1/1	118,424.70
Add: Interest Earned	4,003.85
Interest from Portfolio	12,393.45
Add'l Dividends from Portfolio	1,200.00
Total Deposits	17,597.30
Less: Due to General Fund (Article 54)	-14,903.96
Balance 12-31-07	121,118.04

ROBERT A. GUPTILL HISTORICAL TRUST

Balance 1/1	13,788.15
Add: Interest Earned	694.25
Less: 2006 Contribution	-575.00
Balance 12-31-07	13,907.40

D.C. STEVENS SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

Balance 1/1	2,069.93
Add: Interest Earned	104.19
Less: 2007 Scholarship	-111.00
Balance 12-31-07	2,063.12

D.C. STEVENS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Balance 1/1	24,183.84
Add: Interest Earned	1,316.82
Interest From Portfolio 2007	13,436.05
Total Deposits	14,752.87
Less: Expended Due to General Fund	-18,461.55
Balance 12-31-07	20,475.16

D.C. STEVENS PORTFOLIO

Balance 1/1	519,598.11
Add: Unrealized Gains '07	6,415.76
Income (Real & Accrued)	28,790.50
Total Deposits	35,206.26
Less: Agent Fees	1,621.21
Adj Unrealized Gains '05	11,219.18
Transfer to CD 2007	13,436.05
Total Deductions	-26,276.44
Balance 12-31-07	528,527.93

Proposed Municipal Budget for 2008

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

Area of Expenditure	2008(P)	2007	2006	2005
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Board of Selectpersons	14,955.00	14,955.00	14,805.00	14,905.00
Administration(+Art 28 '05)	237,202.00	209,350.00	199,767.00	195,353.00
Town Manager	50,558.00	48,903.00	54,365.00	52,678.00
Assessing/Review	27,100.00	22,200.00	21,300.00	20,200.00
Planning Board/Board of Appeals	2,967.00	2,967.00	2,967.00	3,182.00
Growth Management	33,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hearings & Elections	10,650.00	3,830.00	3,450.00	3,050.00
General Government Totals	376,432.00	302,205.00	296,654.00	289,368.00
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Constable/Civil Emergency	1,970.00	1,780.00	1,280.00	1,570.00
Fire Department	111,929.00	67,161.00	52,380.00	50,209.00
Fire Dept. Capital Reserve	25,000.00	25,000.00	20,000.00	25,000.00
Rescue Squad	34,538.00	21,622.00	19,822.00	19,488.00
Rescue Capital Reserve	5,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	5,000.00
Code Enforcement	21,513.00	14,342.00	12,067.00	12,070.00
Street Lighting	8,750.00	8,500.00	8,100.00	8,400.00
Public Safety Totals	208,700.00	142,405.00	117,649.00	121,737.00
PUBLIC WORKS				
Roads, General Maintenance	97,815.00	97,815.00	94,965.00	89,230.00
West Rd Reclaim (2.2mi '06)	0.00	0.00	28,050.00	39,200.00
Road Salt Contamination	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
Roads, Paving	293,488.00	139,706.00	139,705.00	142,960.00
Widen Dunn Rd. '05-'06/West Rd	0.00	24,000.00	24,000.00	24,000.00
Roads, Plowing & Sanding	320,605.00	304,572.00	300,998.00	283,325.00
Solid Waste Management*	250,487.00	354,684.00	250,894.00	249,899.00
Cemetery	61,940.00	64,558.00	0.00	0.00
Landfill Closure	26,146.00	12,732.00	22,732.00	6,400.00
Facilities Maintenance Support	87,260.00	13,521.00	10,834.00	10,556.00
Public Works Totals	1,137,741.00	1,011,588.00	877,178.00	845,570.00
* Includes Recycling				
SOCIAL SERVICES				
Health Officer	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00
Town Historian	400.00	400.00	300.00	300.00
Animal Control	9,526.00	8,474.00	6,623.00	6,181.00
General Assistance	7,300.00	7,300.00	7,300.00	6,500.00
Memorial Day	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Donations	17,389.00	16,764.00	14,668.00	18,651.00
Cemeteries (2 Articles-2005 & 2006)	0.00	0.00	44,083.00	40,112.00
Cemeteries (Equip Upgrade & Maint)	0.00	0.00	35,340.00	26,000.00
Social Services Totals	35,215.00	33,538.00	108,914.00	98,344.00

Proposed Municipal Budget for 2008 continued

Area of Expenditure	2008(P)	2007	2006	2005
RECREATION				
Recreation Facilities	5,970.00	5,050.00	5,055.00	4,755.00
The Center for All Seasons	54,945.00	52,052.00	76,171.00	73,928.00
CFAS-Capital Maintenance Project	0.00	2,000.00	22,200.00	4,000.00
North Belgrade Community Center	36,820.00	5,255.00	3,635.00	3,033.00
Library	37,655.00	34,434.00	31,286.00	27,900.00
Library Capital Reserve	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
Recreation Programs	89,500.00	77,500.00	41,476.00	39,243.00
Recreation Totals	229,890.00	181,291.00	179,823.00	152,859.00
INTER-GOVERNMENT				
Belgrade Lakes Conservation (2 Articles)	9,900.00	9,900.00	9,250.00	9,250.00
Dams	56,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Belgrade Tree Committee	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00
Inter-Government Totals	67,900.00	21,900.00	19,250.00	19,250.00
DEBT SERVICE				
Tax Anticipation Note (Interest)	56,767.00	50,665.00	34,905.00	29,000.00
Debt Service Totals	56,767.00	50,665.00	34,905.00	29,000.00
UNCLASSIFIED				
Workers Compensation	8,900.00	9,250.00	12,893.00	12,890.00
Unemployment Compensation	5,500.00	5,381.00	5,157.00	2,110.00
Unclassified Totals	14,400.00	14,631.00	18,050.00	15,000.00
TRUST FUNDS				
D.C. Stevens Enrichment	20,800.00	20,800.00	18,700.00	18,000.00
D.C. Stevens Scholarship (2 Articles)	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
R.A. Guptill	790.00	575.00	380.00	295.00
Trust Funds Totals	22,090.00	21,875.00	19,580.00	18,795.00
Total Municipal Requirements	2,149,135.00	1,780,098.00	1,672,003.00	1,589,923.00
COUNTY & SCHOOL DISTRICT				
Kennebec County	535,135.00	546,577.00	465,056.00	456,384.00
SAD #47*	4,373,875.00	4,220,923.00	4,035,134.00	3,852,012.00
County & School Totals	4,909,010.00	4,767,500.00	4,500,190.00	4,308,396.00
GRAND TOTALS	7,058,145.00	6,547,598.00	6,172,193.00	5,898,319.00
*Projected				

Proposed Municipal Budget for 2008 continued

Area of Revenue	2008(P)	2007	2006	2005
TAXES, LICENSES & PERMITS				
Vehicle Excise Taxes	600,000.00	600,000.00	575,000.00	545,000.00
Boat Excise Taxes	18,000.00	18,000.00	17,000.00	17,000.00
Town Fees/Vital Statistics	18,000.00	18,000.00	17,500.00	17,500.00
Licenses and Permit Fees	8,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00
Interest and Cost Fees	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	16,000.00
Total Taxes, Licenses & Permits	662,000.00	664,000.00	637,500.00	600,500.00
STATE FUNDS				
Municipal Revenue Sharing	175,000.00	175,000.00	180,000.00	185,000.00
Local Road Assistance	53,600.00	53,600.00	50,500.00	50,500.00
Tree Growth Reimbursements	6,400.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	12,000.00
General Assistance Reimbursement	3,650.00	3,650.00	3,650.00	3,250.00
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	1,000.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,400.00
Other State Grants and Funds	800.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,000.00
Total State Funds	240,450.00	242,050.00	243,950.00	253,150.00
OTHER				
Cable Fees	26,000.00	30,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
Investments	10,000.00	10,000.00	7,500.00	0.00
Recreational Program Fees	47,500.00	47,500.00	47,500.00	50,000.00
Waste Disposal Fees	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Recycled Waste Sales	20,000.00	10,000.00	4,200.00	3,250.00
Total Other	118,500.00	97,500.00	79,200.00	53,250.00
RESERVES AND TRUST FUNDS				
Road Maintenance Capital Reserve	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	0.00
Community Capital Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00
R.A. Guptill Historical Trust	790.00	575.00	380.00	295.00
Solid Waste Capital Reserve	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
Recreation Capital Reserve	0.00	2,000.00	22,200.00	4,000.00
D.C. Stevens Scholarship	115.00	165.00	65.00	55.00
D.C. Stevens Enrichment	20,800.00	20,800.00	18,700.00	18,000.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	18,710.00	26,361.00	25,568.00	30,084.00
Cemetery Perp Care Add'l Maint (4 Art '05/2Art '06)	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	23,000.00
Total Reserves and Trust Funds	50,415.00	49,901.00	118,913.00	81,434.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL				
Town of Rome	15,120.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00
Town of Oakland	9,520.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
Total Intergovernmental	24,640.00	4,400.00	4,400.00	4,400.00
FUND BALANCES				
Undesignated	250,000.00	200,000.00	150,000.00	250,000.00
Total Fund Balances	250,000.00	200,000.00	150,000.00	250,000.00
Total Non-Property Tax Revenues	1,346,005.00	1,257,851.00	1,233,963.00	1,242,734.00
Net Property Tax Requirement*	5,712,140.00	5,289,747.00	4,938,230.00	4,655,585.00
TOTAL REVENUES	7,058,145.00	6,547,598.00	6,172,193.00	5,898,319.00
*Projected				

Town of Belgrade 2008 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 14th, 2008 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 20 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 15th, 2008, at 1:00 P.M., to act on Article 20 to the end of the Warrant. In the event of inclement weather, a date of Monday, March 17, 2008, at 6:00 p.m., has been set, with the inhabitants of the Town of Belgrade to assemble and act on Article 20 to the end of the warrant, at the Belgrade Community Center For All Seasons.

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

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

One 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 amendment to the "Belgrade Public Library Ordinance" dated June 12, 2000 as described in the document entitled "March 2008 Amendment to the Belgrade Public Library Ordinance"?

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

ARTICLE 4 To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town adopt a "Belgrade Cemetery Ordinance" to provide rules to allow for cost efficient perpetual care and maintenance of all the cemeteries owned by the Town of Belgrade?

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

ARTICLE 5 To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town adopt a "Belgrade Tree Ordinance" to manage tree resources located on public land?

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

ARTICLE 6 To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the office of the Road Commissioner for the Town of Belgrade be changed from an elected to an appointed position, effective March 21, 2009?

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

ARTICLE 7 To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$124,445 to support the Recreation budget.

Center for All Seasons\$34,945
Recreational Programs.....\$89,500

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

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

ARTICLE 8 To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,655 to support the Library budget.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

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

ARTICLE 9 To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town 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: For: 5 Against: 0

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

ARTICLE 10 To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$600 to support The Mid Maine Unit of the American Red Cross
Selectpersons Recommend: For: 3 Against: 2

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

ARTICLE 11 To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 to support the Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group's July 4th celebration.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 1

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

ARTICLE 12 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: For: 5 Against: 0

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

ARTICLE 13 *To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,800 to support the Children's Center.*

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 2 Against: 3

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

ARTICLE 14 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: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 1

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

ARTICLE 15 To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the Kennebec Behavioral Health.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

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

ARTICLE 16 To proceed with the voting by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$175 to support the Northeast Contact for Better Business.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 0 Against: 5

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

ARTICLE 17 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: For: 5 Against: 0

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

ARTICLE 18 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 Generations.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 1

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

ARTICLE 19 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: For: 5 Against: 0

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

ARTICLE 20 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 Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

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

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

ARTICLE 21 To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectpersons to act on the following:

- Spend an amount not to exceed one-fourth of the approved budget for 2008 between January 1, 2009 and the date of the regular 2009 Town Meeting.
- Dispose of surplus Town-owned personal property in a manner that the Board determines to be in the best interest of the Town of Belgrade.
- To sell and convey tax acquired property or real estate belonging to the Town to the highest acceptable bidder, by sealed competitive bids to be opened in public at an announced time, or in a manner the Board determines to be in the best interest of the Town. (Pursuant to Title 36MRSA 1074)
- To, as trustees, if necessary, spend money from reserve accounts for a project or item falling within the scope of those accounts to meet unanticipated expenses.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

ARTICLE 22 To see if the Town will act upon the following issues:

- Vote to accept donations and grants to support all municipal facilities, operations and programs over and above what has been raised and appropriated.
- Vote to accept FEMA and insurance claim reimbursements to offset actual expenses.
- 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.
- Vote to accept the overdrafts and balances that have lapsed to the Undesignated Fund with overall impact of a plus \$239,745.19 and to use \$250,000 of surplus funds to be dedicated to reducing 2008 property taxes.
- Vote to set Friday October 17, 2008 as the date that the 2008 property taxes are due, and charge interest at the rate of 9.0% per annum on taxes paid after October 17, 2008, with interest to continue until the tax and tax lien are paid in full, and 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: For: 5 Against: 0

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

ARTICLE 23 To see if the Town will vote to refund excess motor vehicle excise tax credits, but only as expressly authorized by 36 M.R.S.A. § 482 (5) (D).

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

ARTICLE 24 To see if the Town will authorize the following accounts be carried forward to the current year:

Planning/Appeals	\$ 1,315
Growth Management.....	2,800
Public Works: previous (contaminated well)	
2008(Sahagian turnaround)	5,000
Paving.....	17,750
Cemetery.....	10,000
Solid Waste (cement pad).....	8,100
Center for all Seasons (bldg staining)	5,983
Library (sound barrier wall)	1,000
Dams	17,735
Tree Committee.....	<u>2,000</u>
Total Carry Forward	\$ 71,683

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

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

ARTICLE 25 To see if the Town will appropriate revenues from the following sources in 2008 to reduce the 2008 Property Tax Commitment:

Vehicle Excise Tax.....	\$600,000
License/Permit Fees	8,000
Town Fees	18,000
Boat Excise	18,000
Recycling Revenues	20,000
Waste Disposal Fees '08.....	15,000
Interest & Cost Fees	18,000
Cable Franchise Fees	26,000
Investment Income	10,000
Recreation Revenues	<u>47,500</u>
Total.....	\$ 780,500

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

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

ARTICLE 26 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$356,432 to support the costs associated with municipal operations and administrative activities. Itemized requirements are as follows:

Selectpersons: (Including Emergency Funds of \$7,500)	\$ 14,955
Administration:	\$ 237,202
(Town Office Operations, Administration Support, Building Upkeep, Wages & Benefits)	
Town Manager: (Salary \$42,900)	\$ 50,558
Assessing/Review:	\$ 27,100
Planning Board/Appeals:	\$ 2,967
Growth Management.....	\$ 13,000
Hearings/Elections:	<u>\$ 10,650</u>
Total Article	\$ 356,432

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

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

ARTICLE 27 To proceed with the voting on the following question: Shall the Town of Belgrade raise \$20,000 for the purpose of hiring professional architectural assistance in the planning and conceptual design of a municipal multi-purpose facility to meet identified space needs for the municipal office, Town library, a history center, and a larger food pantry, for the next (25) years?

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

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

ARTICLE 28 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$31,660 to support the cost of salaries to 03-31-08 plus heat, lights and upkeep of recreational facilities for all of 2008. (Article 28 is required if Article 7 is defeated.)

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

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

ARTICLE 29 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$8,602 to support the cost of salaries to 03-31-08 for the library, plus any maintenance required for the whole of 2008. (Article 29 is required if Article 8 is defeated.)

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

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

ARTICLE 30 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$34,935 to support the maintenance costs for the Center for all Seasons. (Article 30 is required if Article 7 is defeated and Article 8 passes.)

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

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

*****PUBLIC SAFETY*****

ARTICLE 31 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$208,700 to support the following Divisions of the Public Safety Department:

Public Information Officer	\$ 970
Contracted Law Enforcement	1,000
Fire Department Operations	81,444
Public Safety Answering Point.....	30,485
Fire Capital Reserve	25,000
Rescue Department	34,538
Rescue Capital Reserve.....	5,000
Code Enforcement Officer	21,513
Municipal Streetlights.....	8,750
Total Article	\$208,700

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

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

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

ARTICLE 32 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$711,908 for all maintenance associated with the Town roads as follows, with any unexpended balance to lapse back into the Public Works Road Maintenance and Paving Capital Reserve Account:

General Maintenance:	\$ 97,815
RFP Advertising.....	200
McGrath Pond Road:	
* Paving.....	193,248
* Reclaiming.....	42,240
* Grade Shoulders.....	17,000
Stevens Road.....	40,800
Plow:	215,405
Sand & Salt:.....	105,200
Total Article:	\$711,908

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 1

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

ARTICLE 33 To see if the Town of Belgrade will vote to accept the road known as East-West Lane in the East-West subdivision of Belgrade. If accepted, the responsibility for maintenance of this road would be assumed by April 1st, 2008.

General Information:

- a.) The roads length is .6 miles
- b.) The road serves 10 house lots
- c.) Total 2007 taxes paid by the subdivision:..... \$24,294.75
- d.) Projected increase in plowing and sanding \$4,244.00
- e.) Projected increase in general maintenance (including paving) \$3,485.00

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 2 Against: 3

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

ARTICLE 34 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$266,633 and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to support the additional Public Works Divisions as follows, with any unexpended balance lapsing into the Solid Waste Capital Improvement Fund:

Solid Waste Operations:..... \$250,487
Landfill Monitoring:
(Note: These monies are required by the State for the
purpose of testing requirements).....6,146
Chandler Road10,000
Chandler Road (\$10,000 from the Solid Waste Improvement Fund,
pursuant to Article 49 in the 2005 Town Report)10,000
\$276,633

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

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

ARTICLE 35 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$87,260 to support Town Facility Maintenance:

Town Facilities Maintenance\$37,760
Facility Maintenance Truck.....49,500
(Includes Sander & Plow).....\$87,260

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

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

ARTICLE 36 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$43,230 and appropriate \$18,710 from Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust earnings for a total of \$61,940 to support costs of operation and maintenance of Belgrade cemeteries for 2008. Itemized requirements are as follows:

Personnel Wages & Benefits.....\$27,750
Services & Contracts1,990
Supplies & Materials.....6,550
Capital Outlay, Land & Buildings.....25,400
Advertising250
Total.....\$61,940

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 3 Against: 0 Absent: 2

*****SOCIAL SERVICES*****

ARTICLE 37 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$17,826 as compensation and support for the following Social Service Divisions:

Health Officer: (Stipend & Travel).....\$ 450
Town Historian:400
Animal Control Officer:.....9,526
General Assistance:.....7,300
Memorial Day:150
Total Article:\$17,826

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

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

ARTICLE 38 To see if the Town will continue to allow Troop #453, Belgrade Boy Scouts of America and Belgrade Girl Scouts to promote recycling, by bundling used newsprint for shipment on Town property, and to authorize the payment from these revenues to Boy Scout Troop #453 and Belgrade Girl Scouts, in support of their programs and activities. To the extent that any such bundling and shipping is done in collaboration with other Town recycling efforts, Troop #453 and Belgrade Girl Scouts shall compensate the Town for its pro rata share of related expenses.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

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

Note: The Revenue donated to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of Maine for the 2007 tax year is as follows:

Boy Scouts of America.....	\$2,246.87
Girl Scouts of Maine	<u>550.10</u>
	\$2,796.97

*** * * RECREATION * * ***

ARTICLE 39 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$67,790 for the operations of the following divisions of the Recreation Department:

All Town facilities excluding Center For All Seasons and the North Belgrade Com. Center:	\$ 5,970
Center For All Seasons Staining project:	20,000
North Belgrade Com. Center:	6,820
North Belgrade Com. Center Water & Mold Repair:	30,000
Library Capital Bldg Reserve:	<u>5,000</u>
Total Article:	\$ 67,790

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

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

ARTICLE 40 To see if the Town will permit the consumption of alcoholic beverages at its Community Centers during rental events subject to policies and restrictions established by the Board of Selectpersons.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

ARTICLE 41 To see if the Town will agree to the following issues:

- Place all unspent Recreational funds into the Recreation Capital Reserve Account.
- Place all unspent Library funds into the Library Capital Reserve Account.
- Authorize the Belgrade Library Board of Trustees to raise funds for a larger Public Library.
- Allocate the State Snowmobile Registration reimbursements for use in maintaining the Town's Snowmobile Trails.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

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

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

ARTICLE 42 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$31,360 as Belgrade's share of 2008 operating/maintenance costs of the region's three dams - Belgrade Lakes, Wings Mills, and Salmon Lake. Total projected cost in 2008 equals \$56,000 (Rome's share = \$15,120 and Oakland's share = \$9,520).

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 3 Against: 0 Absent: 2

ARTICLE 43 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$11,900 to support the following entities:

Belgrade Tree Committee:	\$ 2,000
Belgrade Lakes Conservation Corp:.....	6,800
Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance	<u>3,100</u>
Total Article:	\$11,900

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

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

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

ARTICLE 44 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$56,767 to pay interest charges and costs associated with the municipal debt in 2008.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

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

***** UNCLASSIFIED *****

ARTICLE 45 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$14,400 to pay Workers and Unemployment Compensation premiums for all municipal employees.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

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

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

ARTICLE 46 To see if the Town will authorize, designate or release the collective sum of \$21,705 as dictated by the following trusts and funds:

Authorize use of DC Stevens Fund Interest:.....	\$ 20,800
Designate the DC Stevens Scholarship Interest:	115
Release the Robert A Guptill Historical Fund Interest:.....	<u>790</u>
Total Article:	\$ 21,705

Note: Interest to benefit Belgrade Central School students, scholarship awarded to the highest-ranking Belgrade senior and Guptill interest released to the Belgrade Central School, respectively.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

ARTICLE 47 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate an amount up to \$385 to supplement the Don C. Stevens Scholarship to equal \$500.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

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

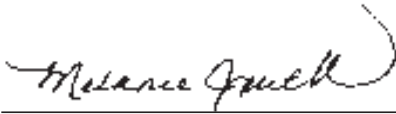
***** BUDGETARY AUTHORIZATION *****

ARTICLE 48 To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$486,957.93 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.

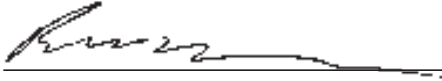
Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 4

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

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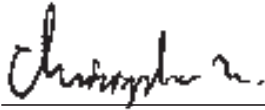
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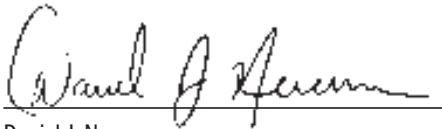
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Richard J. Carey



Christopher W. Merrow



Daniel J. Newman

A true copy Attest:


Jeremy Damren, 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 named, by posting attested copies of the within Warrant at: Christy's Country Store, Belgrade Post Office, Belgrade Lakes Post Office, Day's Store, Double D's, and the Town Office, the same being public and conspicuous places within the said Town of Belgrade on the 6th day of March, 2008


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