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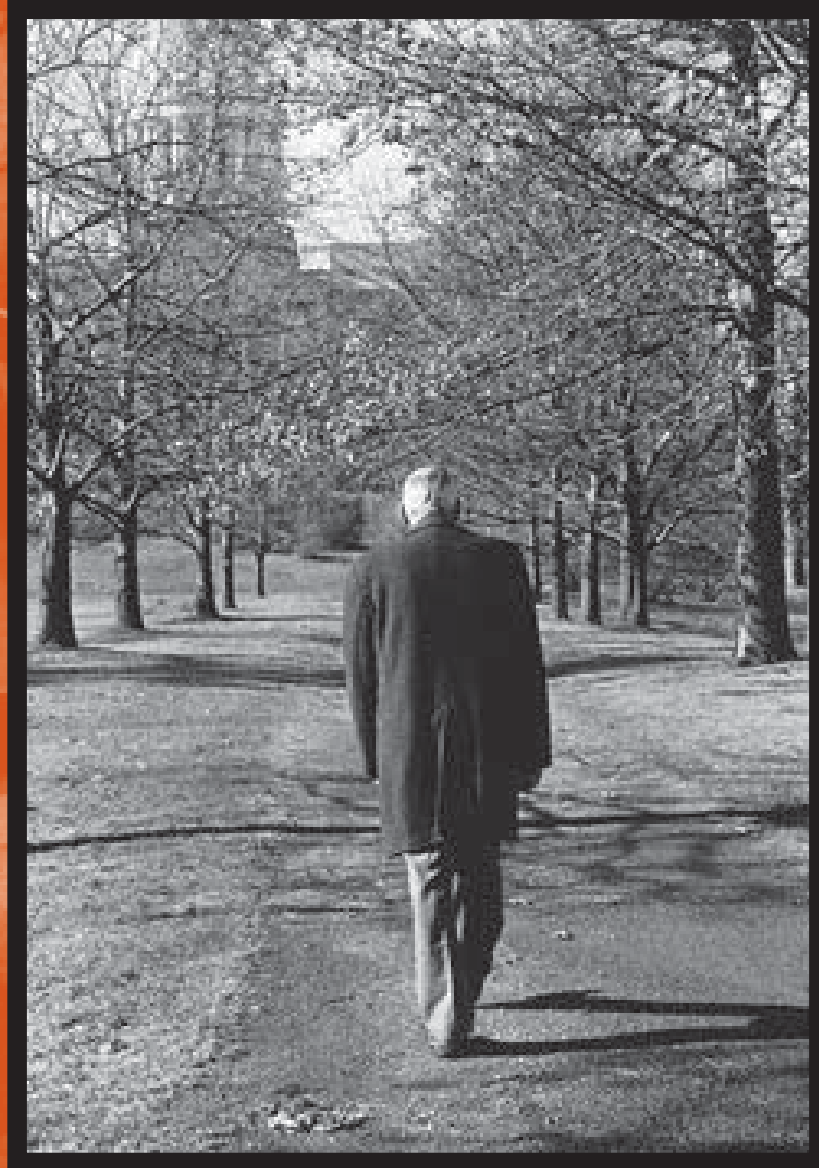
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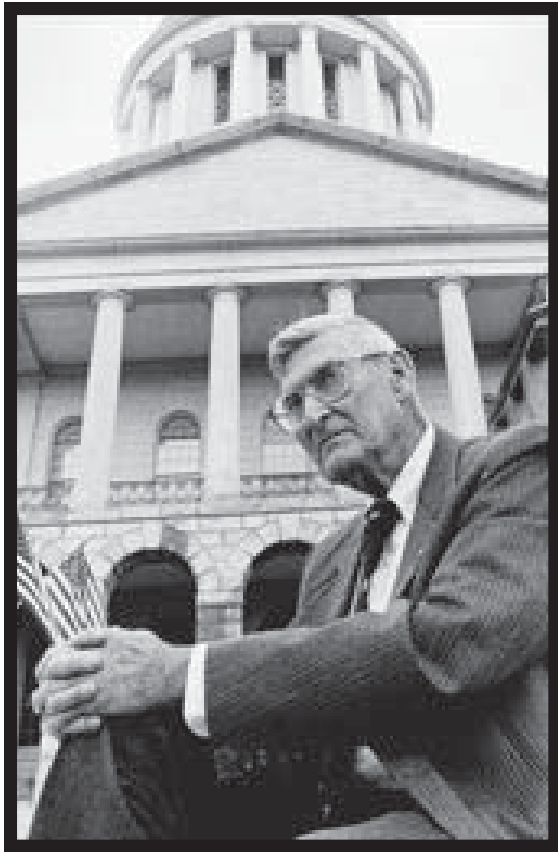
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TOWN OF BELGRADE



*Honoring
Richard "Spike" Carey*

ANNUAL REPORT



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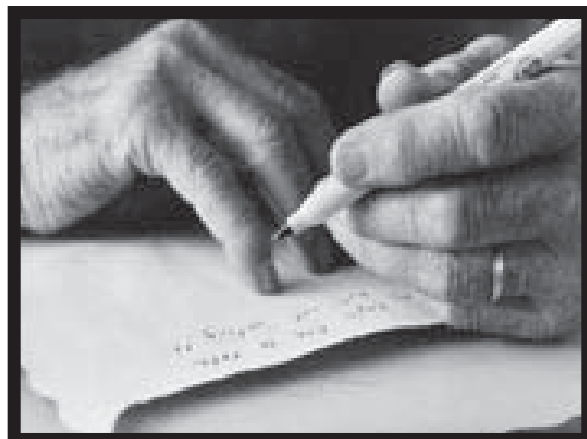


Upper Right: *Morning News*

Center Right: *Senate Seat*



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Town of Belgrade



2008
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.

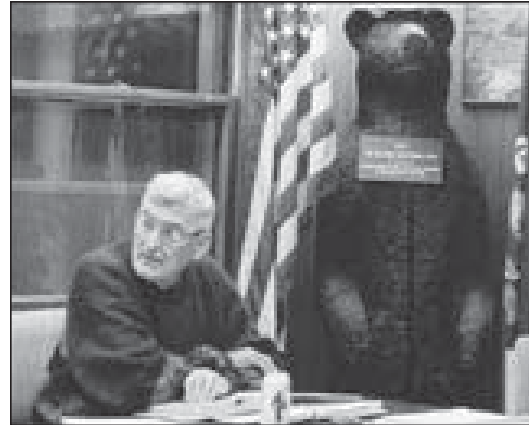
For The Year 2008

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Dedicated To Richard “Spike” Carey

Richard J. Carey, better known to us as “Spike”, has worked at a number of jobs, e.g., as a carpenter, a fireman in the boiler room at Foster Manufacturing, a surveyor with the James W. Sewall Company, and even a tour in the Air Force during the Korea War era, as an aircraft mechanic and Flight Engineer. However, his true calling and lifelong interest has been in public service. He dedicated his life to improving our state and local communities. This was to be expected because he came from a family deeply involved in politics and the community. He was born in the “south end” of Waterville rich in the Franco-American culture. In fact, he did not speak English until he was twelve years old. His father, Augustus Carey, was actively involved in the Waterville City Council, serving on the City Council in 1922, and chairing the Fire Department Committee, serving on the Board of Aldermen in 1937.



Spike married his wife of 57 years, Helen Fortin, in 1952. Helen was also active in politics, at one time serving as Chair of the Democratic Ward Committee in Waterville. They had six children, all of whom became successful in their own right in professions ranging from environmental engineering to teaching and surveying. In 1988 Spike moved to Belgrade and began his twenty (20) years of direct service to the citizens of the Town of Belgrade in 1989 when, as our first Town Manager, he helped us through the transition from a “selectpersons-town meeting” form of government to a “selectpersons-town manager-town meeting” form of government.



Following his service as Town Manager, in 1991 Spike ran for and was elected as a Selectperson. He has held that position since then. In 1992 and again in 2003 he served as Chairperson of the Board. In 2000, 2001, and 2002 he served as Vice-Chairperson of the Board. During this period he was active in a number of issues that have come before the Town, including the Enhanced Neighborhood Policing

Committee, the Transfer Station and Recycling Committee, and more recently, the Ad hoc Building Committee (2007) and the Building Committee (2008).

Spike got the “political bug” when he ran for (and won) Common Councilor for Ward 7 in the City of Waterville fifty (50) years ago. It was this election that began his lifelong dedication to serving the people of Kennebec County and the State of Maine. From this elected position he progressed to the Board of Alderman, and then was elected and served eight years as Mayor of the City.

During this period of his life he also was elected and served twelve years in the State Legislature as a State Representative from Waterville. Subsequent to this elected position, Governor Joseph Brennan appointed him to serve as Director of the Maine State Lottery in 1979 to 1986. In this position he wrote the legislation that established the Maine Tri-State Lottery, and was known nationally as its “father”. In 1991 he ran and was elected to the Maine State Senate and served in that capacity for eight years, chairing the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy overseeing a number of important legislative initiatives, e.g., the restructuring of the electric power industry in Maine, having significant impact on the state’s energy supply, and environment. In reviewing any legislative initiative, Spike asked the following questions: First, is it good for the State of Maine? Second, what does it do for my district?...Proper questions for a good representative of the people.

Our community, indeed the State of Maine, owes a great deal of gratitude for his history of dedicated service...he is an exemplary role model for current and future public service *with the people that he represented never far from his heart.*



Memorial Dedication Dorothy “Dottie” Martin

Dottie was a quiet but very effective and very busy community leader for about 50 years, a major asset to the Town of Belgrade.

Dottie was active with the Girl Scouts of America, serving as one of the first leaders of the Belgrade Cadet Troop, starting in 1965. She was a long-term member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion and the North Belgrade Garden Club, until the dissolution of both organizations. Dottie was a Cub Scout Den Leader for several years. She joined the Waterville Community Garden Club in the 1980's; and in 2007, both Dottie and Bob won the WCGC Cleveland Traveling Bowl for outstanding service to the club. At different times, she put in ten years as president of the Belgrade KVM Club and was an enthusiastic participant in their fund-raising fairs. She served many years as the clerk of the Old South Church, and was also involved with the Maine Gladiolus Society, holding offices, and assisting her husband with the Society's annual show. She and Bob were very enthusiastic members of the square dance club, Star Promenaders. She also helped the School Improvement Association to raise money for the Belgrade Central School gymnasium. With Bob, she was an annual volunteer at the Common Ground Fair.

Dottie enjoyed quilting, playing the organ, gardening, working with Bob at their roadside vegetable and flower stand, and spending time with her family. She will be greatly missed by all.

“You never heard her utter a critical word about anyone.”



Memorial Dedication Roger Shannon *September 23, 1929 - December 5, 2008*



Roger Hall Shannon died peacefully at his home in Belgrade, Maine on December 5, 2008. All those who knew Dr. Shannon were touched by his intellect, generosity, wit, and quiet determination to make this a better place in which to live, to learn and to achieve success. Since moving to Belgrade in 1998, Dr. Shannon served as a member of the Belgrade Planning Board, as director of the Belgrade Health Center and the Belgrade Lakes Association, as a member of the Belgrade Conservation Corps Board and as a founding member of the Lake Trust of the Belgrade Conservation Corps Board Alliance. Dr. Shannon is survived by his wife, Margaret Stander Shannon; his children Mark Shannon, David Shannon and Kimberly Mungaray; and his step-children Adam Beales, 2nd Lieutenant Joshua Shannon and Katherine Beales.

A memorial service will be held in July, 2009. Contributions in Dr. Shannon's name to either the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance Lake Trust or to Dartmouth College would be welcome.

Memorial Dedication

Dana Hammond Nye

1917-2008

Although Dana was born in Hartford, Connecticut, he had an attachment to Maine from birth. He used to spend his summers at his grandparents summer home in Stonington, on Deer Isle. He attended college at the University of Maine, Orono, where he met and married Carol Lincoln Fassett. She came from many generations of “Mainers” so Dana’s connection to Maine became two fold.

Shortly after marrying Carol, he was called to duty by the US Army and was deployed to the South Pacific, mostly in Guam, Admiralty Islands and the Phillippines during WWII.

When Dana returned from the war, he was stationed in Searsport, Maine, until his final discharge papers came through in July 1945, the same day their daughter, Laurie, was born.

Dana and Carol moved to their home on the Manchester Road that they shared for 61 years until his death in August. They raised, together, three children, Lincoln and Perry, who live in Rome and Laurie who lives in Vienna.

Dana went back to the University of Maine where he received his degree in Civil Engineering. He worked as an engineer for the State of Maine Dept. of Transportation.

Dana loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, fishing and snowmobiling in and around the town of Belgrade. He also enjoyed travel, camping and visiting his camp at Four Ponds in Letter E Township, where he went for fifty years, the last time in July 2008 at the age of 91.

Over the course of years, living in Belgrade, Dana became very active in the community, both in town affairs and with several organizations including the American Legion, Lions Club and the Boy Scouts of America.

He served on the Planning Board, the School Board of Directors 1950-1953, SAD 47 Board 1966-1971, the Budget Committee 1973-1976, and the Ad-Hoc Building Committee in 2008.

While on the school board, he was involved in the formation of SAD 47. SAD 47 consolidated the schools in Belgrade, Sidney and Oakland to form a school district. He felt that by combining the small schools to form one large school, students would have a better opportunity to gain access to a wider variety of classes which would better enable them to get into more competitive colleges.

He will be missed by his family and his friends who listened to his stories over coffee at The Grill in Belgrade Lakes.



Reference Numbers

Belgrade Town Office

Telephone495-2258
Fax495-2742
E-mail.....townoffice@belgrademaine.com

Town Manager

Dennis L. Keschl.....495-2258 (W)

Fire Wardens - Burning Permits

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

Emergency Management Director

Mark Belserene, Director495-8813 (H)
Ed Ketch, Jr., Assistant Director495-3861 (H)

Center for All Seasons

Jessica Moore, Director495-3481

Belgrade Public Library495-3508

Marcia Haigh, Librarian

Road Commissioner

Kevin Hawes.....495-3412/2258

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 Station495-3326

Belgrade Central School495-2321

MSAD 47 Superintendent465-7384

Messalonskee High School465-7381

Messalonskee Middle School465-2167

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

Emergency Numbers

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

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

More “Handy” Information

Town Office Hours of Operation:

Monday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Tuesday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Wednesday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Thursday 8:00 am - 7:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Saturday ~ Open the last Saturday of the month from April - September 9:00 am - Noon
and a Saturday in December. Closed daily for lunch 11:00 - 11:30 am

Selectperson Board Meetings

The first and third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Town Office.

Planning Board Meetings

The first and third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Town Office.

Transfer Station & Recycling Center Hours of Operation

Wednesday 11:00 am - 7:00 pm
Saturday 7:00 am - 3:00 pm

Code Enforcement Officer

Each Thursday evening from 5:00 - 7:00 pm at the Town Office.

Food Pantry

Every Tuesday from 9:00 - 11:00 am at the Town Office.

Belgrade Regional Health Center

495-3323

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 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 Mill 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	495-2492
Bellavance Construction P O Box 164, Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918	
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	
David Willard	495-2841
15 Buck Ridge Drive, Belgrade, ME 04917	
Charles Davis	495-2755
38 Damren Road, Belgrade, ME 04917	
Thomas Kenney	495-2997
323 Augusta Road, Belgrade, ME 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
31 Oakwood Dr., Belgrade, ME 04917	
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..... 495-3415
Belgrade Boat Rentals and Storage
Light Trucking & Backhoe Services
41 Pinkham's Cove Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

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

Robin L. Day 592-2119
Selective Wood Harvesting, Trucking & Excavation
12 Augusta Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

Landscapers

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

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

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

Signs/Banners

OMNIgraphique DESIGNERS, Jeff Cook..... 465-9494
853 Kennedy Memorial Dr., Oakland, ME 04963

Laser Engraving

Olympic Award & Recognition..... 465-2600
857 Kennedy Memorial Dr, Oakland, ME 04963

Printers

Colorstorm 592-5990
P.O. Box 252, Belgrade, ME 04917

Tree Service

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

Arbormore Tree Service..... 397-4527 Business
Thomas Tracy..... 522-8145 Cell
82 Mercer Road, Rome, ME

Propane Service

Edward (Ed) Poulin
Appliance & Installation Service..... (207) 441-1574
Belgrade, ME 04917

Kevin Melvin..... 242-7744
546 Augusta Road, 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

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

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

Mr. Elliot Thayer, Thayer Engineering Co..... 582-7762
5 Hasson St., Farmingdale, ME 04344

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

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

K & K Land Surveyors 465-7077
P.O. Box 596, Oakland, ME 04963

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

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 3300 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 18-hole golf course, just south of Belgrade Lakes Village, with entrance from the West Road.

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

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

2,575

Schools

Belgrade Central School (K-5), Belgrade

Messalonskee Middle School, Oakland

Messalonskee High School, Oakland

All schools are in School Administration District #47

Churches

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

Union Methodist Church - Belgrade Lakes Village

St. Helena's Church - Belgrade Lakes Village

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

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

Health Facility

Belgrade Regional Health Center, Clement Way, Belgrade, ME

Belgrade's Elected Representatives to the State Government

SENATOR DISTRICT 18

Walter Gooley (R)

Senate Chamber, State House Station #3, Augusta, ME 04333
Capitol Telephone: 207-287-1505 · Fax: 207-287-1527 · TTY 207-287-1583
or
263 Cowen Hill Road, Farmington, ME 04938
778-2368 Residence
E-Mail- wgooley@zwi.net

REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 83

Patricia R. Jones (D)

House of Representatives, State House Station #2, Augusta, ME 04333-0002
Capitol Telephone: 207 287-1400 · TTY: 207 287-4469
Year-Round Toll Free House of Representatives Message Center: 1-800-423-2900
Email: RepPat.Jones@legislature.maine.gov · Maine Legislative Website: <http://janus.state.me.us/legis>
or
172 Wings Mills Road, Mount Vernon, ME 04352
Residence: (207) 512-5102 · Business: (207) 512-5102 · Fax: (207) 512-5126
Home Email: pjone000@roadrunner.com

Belgrade's Elected Representatives to the Federal Government

SENATOR

Susan M Collins (R)

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

SENATOR

Olympia Snowe (R)

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

REPRESENTATIVE

Thomas H. Allen (D)

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

2008 Town Officers

PLANNING BOARD

Five members with staggered three-year terms, two alternate with indefinite length of terms.

Peter Rushton, Chair (11)
Dan Pratt (11)
Stephen Foster (10)
Daniel Trembly (10)
Karla Carey (09)
Gary R. Fuller, CEO
Norman Beaudoin, Alternate,
Indefinite

BOARD OF APPEALS

Seven members with staggered three-year terms, no alternates.

Robert Martin (11)
John Vogt (11)
Kerri Hammond (10)
Valton Wood (10)
Michael Barrett (09)
Gordon Pow (09)
Vacancy (09)

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Three members with staggered three-year terms, with one alternate member

Betty Grant (09)
Gordon Pow (08)
Vacancy, (08) Alternate member
Vacancy

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Six members with staggered three-year terms.

John Sutton, Chair (11)
Gayle Finkbeiner (11)
Tom Streznewski (10)
Dennis Purington (09)
Doug Mather (09)
Open (10)
Greg Connors

DAMS COMMITTEE

Four Belgrade members with staggered three-year terms.

Dick Mackenzie, Chair (10)
Percy Ackerman (11)
Dennis Purington, Alternate (10)
Roger Pelletier (09)
George Hoy (07)

BOARD OF PARKS & RECREATION

Ten members with staggered three-year terms.

Robert Steinberg (11)
Genevieve Hall (11)
Fred Perkins (11)
Stephen Smith (11)
Susan Perrino (10)
Melanie Meader (10)
Kathryn Horton (10)
Carrie Brennan (09)
Stephanie Feegel, (09)
Linda Bacon (09)
Bill Getty, Alt. Indef.
Michael Atwood, Alt. Indef.

FIRE DEPARTMENT/RESCUE

Fire Chief appointed to five-year term, Deputy, Lieutenant, and Assistant Chiefs appoint by the Fire Chief with three-year terms.

Jeff Stevens, Chief (08)
William Pulsifer, Deputy Chief (11)
Edward Ketch, Jr., Assistant Chief/Lakes (11)
Chris Henninger, Asst. Chief/N. Bel. (11)
Douglas Sawyer, Lt/Lakes (11)
Dan Mackenzie, Capt. N. Bel. & Training (11)
Travis Burton, Lt. Rescue (10)
Bruce Galouch, Asst. Chief/Depot (10)
Dan Newman, Lt/Depot (10)
Richard McCarthy, Training/Lt. Lakes (10)
Mark Day, Capt/Lakes (10)
Bruce Plourd, Capt/Depot (10)
Lisa Day, Dr. of Rescue (09)
Scott Damren, Lt./ N. Belgrade

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Four-member board with three-year terms plus the Sexton

Scott Damren, Sexton
Phillip Sprague (11)
Bruce Galouch (11)
Mike Heino (10)
Nancy French (09)

TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Unlimited membership with indefinite length of term

Bruce Galouch (Chair)
Dennis Keschl (Town Manager)
William Nason
Raymond Hammond
Gregory Keene
Jack Sutton
George MacDonald
Gene Burgess
Richard Carey
John Shilken
Clarence Burnham

TOWN MANAGER

Appointed by Selectpersons with contract
Dennis L. Keschl

TREE COMMITTEE

Staggered one, two and three year terms

Sue Gawler (11)
Loyce Hayslett (11)
Abbott Ladd (11)
Wayne Smith (10)
John Shilken (10)
Phil Sprague (09)
tish carr, Tree Warden – ex-officio member

2008 Town Officers

INDIVIDUAL POSITIONS

Nominated by the Town Manager and confirmed by the Board, one year or indefinite terms.

Animal Control Officer	Katherine Ross	1 yr
Assessing Agent	Robert Duplisea	1 yr
Auditor	Keel Hood	1 yr
Civil Emergency Director	Mark Belserene	1 yr
Civil Emergency Mgt. Ass't Dr.	Edward Ketch	1 yr
Public Information Officer	Jeremy Damren	1 yr
Health Officer	Katherine Riddle	1 yr
Historian	Nancy Mairs	1 yr
Plumbing Inspector	Gary Fuller	1 yr
Tree Warden	tish carr	1 yr
Agent, IF&W	Cheryl Cook	Indefinite
Agent, Motor Vehicle	Cheryl Cook	Indefinite
Dept.Clerk/ Executive Bd. Secretary	Mary Vogel	Indefinite
Code Enforcement Officer	Gary Fuller	Indefinite
Deputy Registrar	Cheryl Cook	Indefinite
Deputy Registrar	Mary Vogel	Indefinite
Deputy Clerk/Registrar	Brittany Norton	Indefinite
GA Administrator	Dennis L. Keschl	Indefinite
Asst. GA Administrator	Cheryl Cook	Indefinite
Tax Collector	Cheryl Cook	Indefinite
Town Clerk	Cheryl Cook	Indefinite
Treasurer	Pam Tracy	Indefinite
Deputy Treasurer	Dennis L. Keschl	Indefinite

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Size of Board is open with staggered three-year terms

Martha Spann (11)
David Estey (09)
Norma Blazer (11)
MacGregor Stocco, Chair (10)
Adelaide Lalime (10)
Cheryl Abbott - ex-officio member
The Town Manager serves in an advisory capacity.

ROAD COMMITTEE

Kevin Hawes, Road Commissioner
Robert Early
David Stevens
Tom Streznewski
Joel Lavenson
Ricky Damren
The Town Manager serves in an advisory capacity

WINTER OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

David Stevens
Ronald Bellavance
Travis & Terry Warren
Jack Sutton
Dennis Purington
The Town Manager serves in an advisory capacity

BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS

Five members with staggered three-year terms, elected in March of each year.

Melanie Jewell, Chair (11)
Ricky Damren, V. Chair (10)
Christopher Merrow (10)
Richard Carey (09)
Daniel Newman (09)

SAD #47 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Three directors with staggered three year terms, elected in March and terms to expire June 30 each year.

Becky Seel (11)
Frank Haggan (09)
Laura Corbett (10)

ROAD COMMISSIONER

One individual with one-year term elected in March. Term expires at March Town Meeting

Kevin Hawes (09)

RECREATION DIRECTOR

By contract with Alford Youth Center
Jessica Moore

LIBRARIAN

Marcia Haigh

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Staggered three-year terms (expire in December)

Rebecca Seel (11)
Michael Barrett (10)
Loyce Hayslett (10)
Elizabeth Fontaine (09)
Mike Guarino (09)
Patricia Pow (08)
Edward Salmon (08)

D.C. STEVENS

Three-year term
Pamela Prescott, Chair (11)

Board of Selectpersons

There are changes afoot in Belgrade, my friends. Many of you may have noticed the construction project at the Transfer Station. Finally, there will be a warm area for the machines, and most importantly, the staff of the recycling center at the Transfer Station. For many years, the folks who work at the station have endured frigid temperatures in an unheated building, and worked on a cement floor throughout the winter without complaint. The recycling building was intended to be a temporary structure, and as such, no long term investments had ever been prepared for. The townspeople spoke loud and clear when they authorized the town to move ahead with improvements to the Transfer Station, and in my opinion, this one tops the list in importance. By Town Meeting time, the recycling area should be fully enclosed, a new boiler installed, and the winter of 09/10 will be warm for all.

The Building Committee followed up on the wishes of our citizens and studied the feasibility of a new structure which would be home to a larger, more centrally located library, a historical center, a new municipal office and the food pantry. The plans are exciting, and a 3-D model is in the works so that citizens can literally visualize the proposed building. The next step will be to ask the citizens for the funds to plan for the internal “workings” of the building; communications systems, furnishings, materials, as well as the bare bones like how many outlets and where to place them. I am proud to be a member of a community that has the foresight to plan for the next quarter of a century, and realizes the importance of minimizing our carbon footprint at the same time! This committee deserves to be commended on the amazing amount they have accomplished in such a short time - thank you!

Speaking of our carbon footprint, were you aware of HOW MUCH you can recycle at our Transfer Station? Belgrade is at the forefront of the recycling effort for Maine, and we are one of only a handful of municipalities who accept all plastics (#s 1 through 7), all glass, all paper, all tin and aluminum, etc. at our facility. Open your refrigerator door...there is a home at our facility for virtually every type of packaging and container that you see! Pretty cool, isn't it? Stop by the Town Office and pick up a copy of the new recycling pamphlet, or ask for one at the Transfer Station, and maximize your impact by minimizing your trash output!

On behalf of the Board of Selectpersons, I wish to say thank you to all of the volunteers who serve on the various committees and boards in Belgrade. I hope that we have better recognized you for your commitment to your community this past year, and that each person realizes how important he/she is to our form of government. We truly value you and your input.

This Board also wishes to commend Cheryl, Pam, Mary and Brittney for the professionalism they exhibit in their positions, and acknowledge that we are proud to have you as the “faces of Belgrade” at the Town Office. We extend an additional thank you to Mary Vogel for keeping impeccable notes of our meetings, and for ensuring that we have all the information we need before and during our meetings. Your help is noticed and appreciated!

Finally, some of our boards and committees have vacancies...can you spare the time and make a difference in your community? Call or stop by and we'll see if there is a committee that your interests, education and experiences can benefit from. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted as a representative of the Board of Selectpersons,

Melanie Jewell



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

Town Manager's Report

Dennis L. Keschl

2008 was a year of highs, lows, and increasing uncertainty. The tremendous rate of change and dramatic fluctuations in prices for everything from food to fuel has challenged us all...forcing an adjustment to a new reality in which future planning is difficult at best and success requires a great deal of flexibility and tenacity.

The same is true for our municipal government! In preparation for the 2008 Town Meeting we planned for a "normal" year and found ourselves faced with daily challenges. Just as you grappled with price increases in basic necessities, e.g., \$4.00 plus per gallon heating fuel and gasoline prices, we struggled with the similar issues. The price for the very products we needed to do our work rose dramatically. For example, within six weeks, the price for liquid asphalt nearly doubled from \$400/ton to \$800/ton. In response, after waiting until the end of September for prices to drop, the Board of Selectpersons chose to postpone the paving of McGrath Pond road until next year with the hopes of lower prices. In October prices for liquid asphalt began dropping dramatically to levels not seen for a decade, however the drop was too late for us to take advantage of them...such is life!

However we managed to accomplish nearly everything else that we had planned for the year and even a couple that were not planned. Among our accomplishments were:

- Completion of the work to resolve water intrusion problems and mold remediation at the North Belgrade Community Center. The NBCC is once again available for year-round use.
- Extensive work on McGrath Pond Road in preparation for paving that will be completed in 2009.
- Staining of the Center for All Seasons (CFAS)...Thanks to Tim Nutter for his excellent work.
- Completion of the Sahagian Road turnaround.
- Purchase of a truck, plow, and sander that has been and continues to be a significant benefit to the Town.
- Purchase of a new lawn mower.
- Appointment of a Building Committee and the completion of the *conceptual planning and design* for a new multipurpose municipal facility, a project approved at the March 2008 Town Meeting.
- Installation of an improved ventilation system for the CFAS to eliminate the development of ice dams and resulting water damage that has occurred in past years.
- Repair of the Depot Road railway crossing...a source of numerous complaints over the past several years.
- Initiation of improvements to the Recycling Center, including the purchase of a waste oil furnace to provide for heat. This work should be completed before spring 2009.

Among the planned projects that we were not able to complete were the paving of McGrath Pond Road for reasons stated above, and the remediation of the Chandler Road Landfill. We contracted for the remediation effort and thought that the work would be finished by the end of summer; however we have encountered some difficulties. We are working with both the Department of Environmental Protection and the current property owner and will try to finalize these remediation efforts this year.

Developing our municipal budget is difficult in any year. Our Selectpersons, Budget Committee, Treasurer, and I all struggle with what and how much to request that the townspeople raise to support its local government. The 2009 budget was even more difficult because we recognize the serious impacts that the current economic conditions have on us all. Therefore, it was with a great deal of debate that each of the expenditure requests was moved forward. While there are a number of the standard expenditure requests, among the new requests are:

- \$75,000 to allow the Building Committee to move forward with the design, engineering, licensing, permitting, public education, and other financial analysis necessary to proceed with the planning required prior to recommending the final design and construction of a multipurpose municipal complex to the town.
- \$20,000 to complete the construction of the parking lot at the Belgrade Lakes Village Fire Station, \$5,000 for repairs at the North Belgrade Fire Station, and \$5,000 to meet federal requirements to use narrow band radios.
- \$25,000 to conduct a study for the purpose of building a sand and salt shed.
- \$59,047 to add to the money raised in 2008 for the paving of the McGrath Pond Road so that we can pave it this year.
- \$20,000 for the construction of a garage to house the town truck, the cemetery water system, and to provide an adequate space for cemetery equipment maintenance.
- \$5,000 for the "Town of Belgrade Emergency Heating Assistance Fund".
- \$15,000 to replace the roof on the North Belgrade Community Center.



Front Row: Dennis Keschl, Town Manager and Cheryl Cook, Town Clerk.
 Standing: Mary Vogel, Deputy Clerk/Board Secretary, Pamela Tracy, Treasurer, Brittany Norton, Deputy Clerk/Registrar of Voters

Note: We will be tracking the prices for a number of items that have impacted our estimated costs and there are warrant articles where the requested amount may be reduced on the floor of the Town Meeting.

While these represent the costs of specific items that are being put to you for your approval, and I urge you to support them, you should be aware of the countless hours of time that volunteers from throughout our town donate. Such donations in time significantly reduce the costs that otherwise would need to be included in our budget. I want to express my sincere thanks to all of these volunteers and the invaluable work *they do for you!* For those of you who have not yet taken the opportunity to see, first hand, the type of work volunteers do, I urge you to take the opportunity join one or more of our town's many boards and committees. Applications are available in the Town Office.

In this year's referendum, there is a request that you approve an amendment the "Belgrade Transfer Station and Recycling Ordinance" authorizing the Town to take enforcement actions against the illegal disposal of certain wastes within the town boundaries. This is important because we continue to have problems with the illegal dumping of materials that should be disposed at the Transfer Facility. We are monitoring specific problem areas in town and the amendment, if approved, will allow enforcement action without resorting to a request for the State or County to take enforcement action.

Our allowable LD1 growth limitation factor for the 2009 municipal budget (exclusive of school and county assessments) is 3.94%. The final municipal budget being offered for your approval is 7% over last year's budget. This increase is driven by rapidly fluctuating and uncertain prices for a number of basic products we need to do our work and from necessary and overdue improvements to our municipal facilities or municipal services. 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 expenditure requests.

In closing this year's Town Manager's report, I want to extend my personal thanks to our entire municipal staff for the hard work they do for you and the strong support they provide to me and I want to reiterate what I said at the end of my report last year:

"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."

This is especially true as we face an era of economic difficulty because it is during such times that there are an increasing number of opportunities available to save money. The choice will be in your hands on March 21st, Town Meeting day. I hope to see you all there!

Planning Board Report

The Planning Board was busy during 2008. Under normal circumstances, we would have been swamped with reviewing permit applications. But this year was far from normal. Instead, we tackled various permit applications and ventured into a collaborative meeting process with the Long Range Planning Committee. We saw an overall decrease in the number of building applications within the Shoreland Zone submitted during 2007. This was in line with the number of Subdivisions and Commercial reviews as those numbers were down too.

We extended our meetings to include dedicated time to collaborate with the Long Range Planning Commission. The Planning Board's role, in this case, was not to make decisions about LRPC content, rather to provide input at various stages having impacts on Planning Board areas of concentration. I believe this collaboration will help develop a rapport between entities. As a result of this planning, the town will be the beneficiary.

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 individuals have busy lives without their respective commitment to the Planning Board. I'm grateful they choose to participate. Each member brings a unique set of skills to the Board. Thank you for your service!

Katie Foster has been our Secretary, and served us well. She has elected to make a change in her career path and will be pursuing other academic endeavors. Thank you for all you've done. It's not always easy trying to make sense of statements made at Board meetings. Through it all, Katie kept her wits about her and we are grateful for her service. Best wishes Katie!

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Rushton, Chairperson

Budget Committee Report

John Perry and Frank Haggan left the Budget Committee early in 2008- thanks to you both for your services. Gayle Finkebeiner and Tom Streznewski were appointed during the year and Gregory Connors joined in early January, bringing the Budget Committee to its full six members.

Budgeting is a forward-looking process, so much of the committee's interests in 2008 were directed toward the Town's 2009 Town Meeting warrant. Recommendations were developed in joint meetings with the Board of Selectpersons, Town Manager, representatives of other town committees and members of the public. At the outset the Selectpersons and Budget Committee were presented with expenditure proposals totaling \$2,527,347, or \$459,776 (+22%) above the 2008 budget. This increase was lowered to \$144,905 (+7%), an amount that still requires LD1 limit override and is more than this committee would like to see, in the current economic climate with diminished revenue projections from excise taxes, property valuations, state revenue sharing, recycling revenues and other sources.

Greatest potentials to further reduce the 2009 municipal budget without impairing basic Town services lie in the areas of road paving, planning for the proposed new municipal building and town acceptance of private roads.

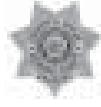
- Looking ahead, a consensus between the Budget Committee, Road Committee and Town Manager suggests consideration of a multi-year road program, together with a 5-year bonding proposal, for presentation at the 2010 Town Meeting. Short-term bonding would allow the Town to bundle several major road projects and a sand/salt shed. Objectives of this approach will be early catch-up on needed road work, per-mile paving cost savings, the reduction of environmental damage caused by loss of piled salt from weather exposure and greater efficiency and cost savings by using a dryer sand/salt mixture on the roads. The overall goal is to reduce the total of town road costs and related debt service on an ongoing basis. If the Town supports this concept, it may be advisable to delay paving of the Depot Road and planning for the sand/shed from 2009 and 2010, for their inclusion in this building. Warrant articles for 2009 include Depot Road (\$190,892) and sand/salt planning (\$25,000).
- The 2009 warrant includes a \$75,000 request for engineering and site permitting of the proposed municipal facility. We ask if this amount can be reduced, pending the Town's commitment to fully fund its share of the entire project.
- This year's warrant again includes an article asking the Town to accept a portion of the private East-West Road. The Budget Committee recommendation remains negative. While annual maintenance and plowing cost for this road segment may be relatively small, its precedent for future private road acceptance is enormous, given the many miles of private roads in Belgrade and their potential for future development.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Sutton, Chair (11), Greg Connors (10), Gayle Finkbeiner (11), Doug Mather (09), Dennis Purington (09), Tom Streznewski (10)

Kennebec County Sheriff's Report

"First to Serve ~ 1799"

Office of the Sheriff
Kennebec County, Maine



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Chief Everett B. Flannery, Jr.

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January 18, 2009

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 Correctional services to thirty Communities in an 890 square-mile area.

In the past year, the Sheriff's Office responded to 28,538 calls for service. The Sheriff's Deputies responded to 285 Domestic Assaults, 1,323 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 216 Burglaries, 170 K-9 calls for service, and managed 180 registered Sex Offenders. The Sheriff's Office continues to aggressively pursue Drug Traffickers in Central Maine, as active members of the Kennebec County Drug Task Force.

In 2008, the Kennebec County Correctional facility housed 3,732 inmates. Offences of inmates serving time at the Correctional facility ranged from negotiating bad checks to Homicide. Although the Correctional Facility has continued to battle overcrowding, innovative programs have prevented the need to house inmates elsewhere.

The Kennebec County Correctional facility continues to be a leader in Corrections in the State of Maine. In Kennebec County, healthy inmates are required to work. In 2008, the Inmate Work crews performed more than 92,000 hours of labor for municipalities, non-profit organizations and Veterans groups. The labor performed for these organizations is valued at approximately \$500,000

The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with Fedco Seeds, Johnny's Select Seeds, the Department of Conservation, Monitor of Maine and other volunteers, operates an Inmate garden. In 2008, the Inmate garden produced more than 50,000 pounds of vegetables, which were donated to food pantries and soup kitchens throughout the county.

The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office is committed to providing progressive and professional Law Enforcement and Correctional services to the 122,000 citizens of Kennebec County. I welcome any comments or suggestions that will improve our service to the citizens of Kennebec County.

Randall A Liberty
Sheriff

Town of Belgrade • Call Action Breakdown - 2008

Road	Incident	No.	Road	Incident	No.
Alder Ln	Citizen Assist	1	Center Dr	Alarm, Burglar	3
Andrew Way	Theft	1		Building Check	2
Augusta Rd	10-59 Vehicle	1	Chandler Rd	Follow Up	1
	911 Hang-up	2		Property Damage Accident	2
	Alarm, Burglar	3	Chaput Dr	Assist Other Agency	1
	Assist Other Agency	3		Follow Up	1
	Bail Check	1		Property Damage Accident	1
	Citizen Assist	4	Chet Dr	Assault	1
	Building Check	99	Clements Way	Alarm, Burglar	2
	Criminal Mischief	1		Citizen Assist	1
	Complaint	7		Building Check	1
	Domestic Dispute	1		Complaint	1
	Escort	5		Welfare Check	1
	General Info	2	Clubhouse Dr	Motor Vehicle Stop	1
	Motorist Assist	1	Cold Brook Dr	Sex Offender Registration	1
	Motor Vehicle Stop	130	Cottonwood Ln	Alarm, Burglar	2
	Property Damage Accident	8	Damren Rd	Citizen Assist	1
	Pedestrian Stop	1	Denwood Point Ln	Alarm, Burglar	1
	Personal Injury Accident	1	Depot Rd	Assist Other Agency	1
	Serve Protection Order	1		Citizen Assist	2
	Paper Service	2		Building Check	19
	Suspicious Activity	2		Complaint	3
	Traffic Hazard	2		Canine Call	1
	Threatening	1		Motor Vehicle Stop	3
	Traffic Offense	1		Property Damage Accident	1
	Protection Order Violation	1		Paper Service	1
Barnett Way	911 Hang-up	1		Suspicious Activity	3
	Animal Complaint	1		School Visit	1
	Citizen Assist	5		Traffic Offense	1
	Harrassment	3	Dunn Rd	1048-unattended Death	1
	Serve Protection Order	2		Assist Other Agency	1
	Paper Service	1		Motorist Assist	1
	Suspicious Activity	1		Motor Vehicle Stop	1
Bartlett Rd	Complaint	1		Welfare Check	1
	Motor Vehicle Stop	1	Dustin Dr	Citizen Assist	2
	Property Damage Accident	3		Building Check	1
	Traffic Hazard	1		Harrassment	1
Boatway Ln	Building Check	2		Paper Service	2
Boterf Dr	Assault	1		Serve Subpoena	1
	Complaint	1	East West Ln	Complaint	1
Bouchard Ln	Domestic Dispute	1	Foster Ln	Assault	1
	Suspicious Activity	1		Domestic Dispute	1
Burton Woods Rd	Noise Complaint	1	Foster Point Rd	Criminal Mischief	1
Castle Island Rd	Abandoned Mv	1	French Dr	Paper Service	1
	Alarm, Burglar	1	Golden Pond Rd	Alarm, Burglar	2
	Assist Other Agency	1		Harrassment	1
	Follow Up	1	Golf Academy Dr	Citizen Assist	1
	Harrassment	1		Building Check	1
	Motor Vehicle Stop	5		Complaint	1
	Property Damage Accident	4		Harrassment	1
Cementary Rd	Suspicious Activity	1		Suspicious Activity	1
Cemetery Rd	Motor Vehicle Stop	1			

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Road	Incident	No.	Road	Incident	No.
Grandview Dr	Harrassment	1	Manchester Rd	10-59 Vehicle	1
	Welfare Check	1		911 Hang-up	2
Guptil Rd	Citizen Assist	3		Assist Other Agency	4
	Harrassment	2		Bad Checks	1
	Property Damage Accident	1		Burglary (B & E) Past	2
Hardwood Cir	Domestic Dispute	1		Citizen Assist	4
Hatch Cove Rd	Alarm, Burglar	1		Building Check	10
Healys Pass Dr	Citizen Assist	1		Complaint	4
	Domestic Dispute	1		Juvenile Offenses	1
Heron Cove Dr	Complaint	1		Motor Vehicle Stop	21
Horse Point Rd	Suspicious Activity	1		Property Damage Accident	6
Horsepoint Rd	Property Damage Accident	1		Personal Injury Accident	2
	Personal Injury Accident	1		Suspicious Activity	1
	Suspicious Activity	1		Search Warrant	1
Hulin Rd	Citizen Assist	1		Traffic Hazard	1
	Complaint	1		Traffic Offense	2
	Follow Up	2	Maplehurst Dr	Alarm, Burglar	1
	Motor Vehicle Stop	1	Marina Dr	Building Check	1
	Threatening	1	McGrath Pond Rd	Complaint	1
Keene Dr	Citizen Assist	2		Threatening	1
Knowles Rd	Alarm, Burglar	2		Trespass	1
	Assist Other Agency	1	Minot Hill Rd	911 Hang-up	1
	Criminal Mischief	2		Motor Vehicle Stop	1
	Property Damage Accident	2		Theft	1
	Suspicious Activity	1	Modin Way	Theft	1
	Theft	1	Oakland Rd	10-59 Vehicle	1
Little Village Ln	Building Check	1		911 Hang-up	1
Location Rd	Domestic Dispute	1		Alarm, Burglar	3
	Serve Summons	1		Arrest	1
Long Arm Ln	10-59 Vehicle	3		Assault	5
	Building Check	1		Assist Other Agency	5
Long Pond Dr	Citizen Assist	1		Citizen Assist	9
Loon Call Dr	Alarm, Burglar	3		Building Check	3
	Fire Call	1		Criminal Mischief	1
	Theft	1		Complaint	3
Lynch Cove Rd	Property Damage Accident	1		Domestic Dispute	4
	Suspicious Activity	1		Drug Offense	1
Main St	Alarm, Burglar	2		Escort	3
	Motor Vehicle Stop	1		Follow Up	3
	Property Damage Accident	1		General Info	2
	Paper Service	1		Harrassment	2
				Juvenile Offenses	1
				Missing Person	2
				Motor Vehicle Stop	43
				Property Damage Accident	5
				Personal Injury Accident	1
				Runaway	4
				Serve Subpoena	1
				Suspicious Activity	5
				Traffic Hazard	5
				Theft	1
				Traffic Offense	1
				Trespass	1
				Welfare Check	3

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Road	Incident	No.	Road	Incident	No.
Oakwood Dr	911 Hang-up	1	Taylor Woods Rd	Burglary (B & E) Past	1
Old Route 27	Building Check	1		Building Check	4
Old Rte 27 Rd	Building Check	1		Criminal Mischief	1
Park Hill Point Rd	Alarm, Burglar	1		Complaint	2
Penny Rd	Follow Up	1		Harrassment	1
Pepin Cir	Alarm, Burglar	2		Motor Vehicle Stop	1
	Canine Call	1		Property Damage Accident	1
Pheasant Run Rd	Domestic Dispute	1		Suspicious Activity	2
	Theft	1	Wanser Ln	Criminal Mischief	1
Pickerel Dr	911 Hang-up	1	Warren Hill Rd	Citizen Assist	1
	Personal Injury Accident	1		Complaint	1
Pinewood Dr	Suspicious Activity	1		Domestic Dispute	1
Pinkham Cove Rd	Suspicious Activity	1		Follow Up	1
Random Way	Welfare Check	1		Theft	1
Rockwood Dr	Alarm, Burglar	5	West Rd	911 Hang-up	3
Rte 27	10-59 Vehicle	3		Alarm, Burglar	1
	Alarm, Burglar	2		Citizen Assist	2
	Assist Other Agency	4		Building Check	2
	Citizen Assist	4		Criminal Mischief	2
	Building Check	23		Complaint	3
	Criminal Mischief	1		Domestic Dispute	2
	Complaint	5		Escort	2
	Follow Up	1		Harrassment	1
	Harrassment	1		Motor Vehicle Stop	6
	Motorist Assist	1		Property Damage Accident	2
	Motor Vehicle Stop	142		Personal Injury Accident	1
	Property Damage Accident	14		Paper Service	2
	Paper Service	1		Rescue	1
	Suspicious Activity	5		Traffic Hazard	1
	Traffic Hazard	13		Traffic Offense	2
	Traffic Offense	5	Whitney Rd	Suspicious Activity	1
	Welfare Check	1	Wings Mills Rd	10-59 Vehicle	1
Rupus Ln	Alarm, Burglar	3		Assist Other Agency	1
Sahagian Rd	Alarm, Burglar	1		Burglary (B & E) Past	1
Sandy Cove Rd	911 Hang-up	1		Citizen Assist	1
	Property Damage Accident	1		Domestic Dispute	1
Scribner Dr	Assist Other Agency	2		Harrassment	1
Serenity Cove Ln	Theft	1		Motor Vehicle Stop	1
Silas Burbank Dr	Arrest	1		Property Damage Accident	1
Smithfield Rd	Abandoned Mv	1		Theft	2
	Assault	1	Totals:		1042
	Burglary (B & E) Past	1			
	Citizen Assist	12			
	Building Check	1			
	Criminal Mischief	2			
	Harrassment	1			
	Motor Vehicle Stop	33			
	Property Damage Accident	6			
	Traffic Hazard	6			
Spaulding Point Rd	Complaint	1			
	Welfare Check	1			
Station Rd	Citizen Assist	1			

Belgrade Lions Club

The Belgrade Lions Club has enjoyed an outstanding year, thanks to the generosity of the good folks of Belgrade and the surrounding area. This year, as in past, the Lions Club held our annual Ice Fishing Derby in February 2008. 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 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 2009, in any way possible. As always, the Belgrade Lions Club is continually looking for prospective members, interested in serving their community. The Belgrade Lions Club membership is composed of both female and male members. Interested? Contact one of our members.

Boy Scout Troop 453 Report

The Troop Committee of Belgrade Boy Scout Troop 453 would like to thank the residents of Belgrade for their support in 2008. Newspaper recycling continues to provide the main financial support for our Troop. Early on alternate Saturday mornings, you will see our Boy Scouts and adult volunteers baling newspapers in the recycling building at the Belgrade Transfer Station. These efforts allow the scouts to take responsibility for support of many Troop activities while promoting environmental responsibility. We appreciate the newspaper contributions by town residents. These resources allow for a strong scouting experience along with funds derived from our annual popcorn sale and the sale of recycling bins.

Our Troop consists of 23 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 2008, Troop 453 participated in skiing, winter camping on Great Pond, late winter hiking at Mt. Megunticook, Summer Camp at Camp Roosevelt, canoeing on the Narraguagus River, and a four-day, 24-mile hike in Baxter State Park. Two teams of boys participated in the Klondike Derby, a winter camping skills and endurance challenge held in China in January. Boys attended the Spring Camporee at Rangeley and participated in the cast iron frying pan toss, firing of black powder rifles and hatchet throwing and at the Fall Camporee in Jackman, boys sampled native American food, hiked five miles up a challenging mountain, and participated in demonstrations of magnetic, heat sensing and seismic devices with the Border Patrol.

Troop 453 service projects for 2008 included transportation of, setting up and putting away chairs for the Town's Memorial Day service in addition to presentation of the colors, and preparation of hearty soups for a local soup kitchen. Boys also moved books for the Friends of the Library book sales, unloaded a tractor-trailer of pumpkins for the Union Church, and, distributed luminaries for the Christmas Stroll in Belgrade Lakes. Our boys also collected 378 food items under the 'Scouting for Food' project for local food pantries. In 2008, our scouts achieved rank advancement to Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class and Star ranks in addition to earning merit badges; a number of boys have reached the rank of Life Scout and have completed or are in the process of planning their Eagle projects. Thus far a new sign has been installed at the North Belgrade Community Center and plans are being made for a number of town and school projects for 2009.

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 Committee Chairperson, Dwayne Bickford, and would like to thank outgoing Committee Chairperson, Steve Symonds. It remains a high priority for the troop to maintain good contact with the Belgrade Cub Scout Second-year Webelos Den, 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 Dwayne Bickford at 465-7949.

Respectfully Submitted,
Boy Scout Troop 453 Committee

Cub Scout Troop Pack 453 Report

We have been working hard on our achievements and also having some fun. Pack 453 currently has about 30 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, beltloops, pins, or other things they have earned. 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, special thank you to Day's store for donating some pizzas. 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 14th at the Belgrade Central School gymnasium. The race will begin at 12:30. Please stop by and watch the event and cheer on the boys!

Every year in the fall the Scouts sell popcorn, this is the one major fund raiser that we do as a pack. The proceeds from this fund raiser 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

Belgrade Girl Scout Report

Belgrade Girl Scouts wishes to thank the Town of Belgrade, and the citizens therein, for donating the proceeds of the newsprint baling to the Boy and Girl Scouts of the town. We recognize the importance of recycling, and value the chance to promote recycling every other Saturday morning at the Transfer Station through this joint fundraiser.

There are 4 troops currently in Belgrade, ranging in ages from 5-12. The young ladies have been involved in a number of community service projects ranging from cleaning out an aged citizen's flower gardens, to collecting and donating food for the food pantry, to creating and delivering May Baskets to unsuspecting citizens. They have made and stuffed animals to donate to children who have been affected by domestic violence; planted, potted and delivered flowers to Phronie Hammond to say thank you for allowing children to sled on the hill at her home every winter, and traveled to Boston for an amazing trip to the Science Museum, the Aquarium and the Holocaust Memorial. The subway and Downeaster were fun and eye-opening as well!

The girls initiated a town-wide Penny Drive called "A Friend Indeed Helps A Friend In Need" for food and fuel relief. They collected \$1152.75 from October to December to be split evenly between the Belgrade-Rome Special Needs Food Pantry and the Fuel Assistance Fund. They also promoted and participated in a Public Supper with the Friends of the Belgrade Public Library for fuel relief and were instrumental in collecting and delivering 116 items of non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry at this supper.

The young ladies have hiked the Messalonskee Trail, stepped back in time at the L.C. Bates Museum, spent a fun winter weekend at Girl Scout Camp Pondicherry, and donated turkeys for Thanksgiving meals. They helped an area family have a warm, fun and full Holiday season with their generous donations of presents (both needs and wants) and spent a morning wrapping presents and celebrating the season together. These are an amazing group of young ladies and we are honored to be their scout leaders and co-leaders. Many thanks to the parents for sharing your girls with us!

Melanie Jewell, Keri Palleschi, Haley Fortin, /Cyndi Cassani
Cynthia Christopher, Hazel Labbe, Amy Veilleux, Melanie Meader

Belgrade Historical Society

For info, 465-7924

In 2008 we hosted, with the Belgrade Public Library, a talk and reading from his memoir by Dr. Hubert Kueter. Our programs also included a talk about Belgrade, Yugoslavia by a native of that city and a 1952 film of the Keyes Fiber operation in Fairfield. Maine Old Cemetery held its spring meeting at Union Church, hosted by the Church and the Historical Society. In June we collaborated again, on a delightful evening history panel at the Church.

Jay Adams, director of Old Fort Western, did a very insightful talk about Belgrade as part of the Kennebec Patent. Diane Day narrated a picture album history of 50 years at Day's Store.

Those who took the Great Pond boat trip learned about the lake's past, thanks to Martha Barkley, Camp Merriweather, and three boaters, three boats, and the marina. All proceeds went into the building fund toward a new history space.

At our meetings, discussions have included the Town House at Woodside Cemetery. We went on record as supporting a condition assessment for its long-term preservation. The building will be considered for the National Register of Historic Places in 2009, thanks to help from Walter and Sarah Melvin and photographs by Society members. It was suggested that the Town House be part of a town-wide historical house survey. Such a project can be costly and requires training and volunteers, but the Society hopes it is in Belgrade's near future, with the Society's help.

We have followed with interest the work of a town building committee regarding a possible combined building which would include space for proper storage and display of historical items. We have voted our support for this project.

Dams Committee Report

TO: Selectpersons, Towns of Rome and Belgrade

Dennis Keschl, Belgrade Town Manager

Steven A Dyer, Oakland Town Manager

In 2008, we started working on a major project at Great Pond Dam. For this, we asked for funds which were granted. We are now interviewing contractors and an engineer in order to start the project. The request for funds here are for the day to day operation of the dams. Funds for the major project were approved in 2007 and rolled over into 2008.

In 2009, we are asking the towns to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for maintenance of the dams.

Belgrade.....	\$5,600
Rome	\$2,700
Oakland	<u>\$1,700</u>
TOTAL.....	\$10,000

Approved by the Dams Committee on October 23, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A Mackenzie

Chairperson, Dams Committee

Road Commissioner's Report

During the past year, we did a major project on the McGrath Pond Road, which included replacing several culverts, ditching the entire road and cutting trees to allow for improved slow plowing. We built a turn around on the Sagahian Road for bus and snow plows to turn around. We worked on some ditching and culvert replacements on the Horsepoint Road, and plan on continuing work on this road in 2009.

We replaced some culverts on the Knowles Road, and some striping on various roads in town. We reggraded the Stevens Road and parts of the Locations Road and applied calcium. Mowing was done on the sides of all town roads.

Respectfully Submitted

Kevin S Hawes
Road Commissioner

Fire & Rescue Report

Belgrade Fire and Rescue continues to stay busy throughout the year responding to calls, attending training and hosting fundraisers. As of December 31, 2008, Jeffrey Stevens stepped down as the Belgrade Fire Chief after 8 years of dedicated service.

"It was an honor to serve the Town of Belgrade as Fire Chief. It was very fulfilling experience and I was proud to serve the community. I'm confident Dan will do a good job." Daniel MacKenzie will begin January 1, 2009 as the new Belgrade Fire Chief. Dan has served on the department for over 20 years, including duties as Belgrade Fire Department Training Officer, North Belgrade Lieutenant and for the past 8 years as North Belgrade Captain. Be sure to congratulate Dan on his new position.



On behalf of Belgrade Fire and Rescue, we would like to thank Hammond Lumber Company, Bob the Plumber, Kaplan Electric, Belgrade Lakes Electric and all other area businesses that willingly release fire and rescue personnel during the workday to respond to 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 like to thank all Fire and Rescue personnel, past and present, for their dedicated hours of service to the department and the Town of Belgrade.

Belgrade Fire and Rescue would also like to 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, Retired
Daniel R. MacKenzie, Fire Chief
William P. Pulsifer, Deputy Chief
Lisa C. Day, Rescue Chief
Edward Ketch Jr. Asst. Chief, Belgrade Lakes
Bruce Galouch, Asst. Chief, Belgrade Depot
Chris Henninger, Asst. Chief, North Belgrade

6-Year Fire & Rescue Response Summary

2003 - 345	2006 - 286
2004 - 356	2007 - 355
2005 - 324	2008 - 326

2008 Total Rescue Calls.....168

2008 Total Fire Calls.....158

Transfer Facility and Recycling Committee

The year 2008 saw several improvements in ways that Belgrade disposes of its solid waste and recyclables. The Town entered into a new contract with Waste Management for equipment rental, hauling and disposal of municipal solid waste (MSW) beginning July 1, 2008. Also, the Town now receives recyclable containers unsorted, which simplifies storage and handling at home, saves grading time at the recycling facility and improves output quality. These changes, together with the new BobCat SkidSteer have improved operating efficiencies and reduced costs in handling, storing and loading baled recycled products, consolidated wood and brush piles and for snow plowing.

Recycled material sales revenue spiked in mid-2008 but dropped drastically by year-end. That trend continues into 2009 as economic conditions worsen, so budgeted revenues for 2009 are slashed accordingly. Fees for waste disposal are budgeted slightly under the 2008 level, but latest analysis indicates that clean wood disposal should now be charged at the same rates as painted wood, since chipping and removal costs are now the same for both. The committee recommends this change.

	2006 Actual	2007 Actual	2008 Actual	2009 Budget
Solid Waste Management	\$263,160	\$263,917*	\$202,382	\$229,417
Waste Disposal Fees	(\$ 3,238)	(\$ 13,543)	(\$ 17,039)	(\$ 14,000)
Recycled Waste Sales	(\$ 10,757)	(\$ 23,369)	(\$ 27,659)	(\$ 2,500)
Net Cost of Disposal & Recycling	\$249,165	\$227,005	\$157,684	\$212,917

* Excludes \$82,700 appropriation for capital expenditures

Clarence Burnham was appointed to manage the Transfer and Recycling Facility in late 2008. The committee recognizes and thanks Bill Nason for his work as interim manager during the transition period and appreciates the dedication and patience of the entire transfer facility crew who faithfully operated the transfer station throughout the exceptionally cold winter.

Please contact any committee member with questions. The committee welcomes all comments and suggestions and invites public participation at its meetings.

The project to enclose the lean-to section of the recycling building for more efficient receiving and handling of materials and to add a waste oil burner to heat the building during working hours should be complete by early April. We thank the public for their cooperation during this construction.

Major Projects and Improvements – 2008

1. In June, changed the receiving and sorting of all plastics, steel and tin cans, and glass recycled at the Recycling Center. Under this new system, town residents simply dump all materials onto a sorting table and Transfer Station staff does all the sorting for them. This new sorting procedure has vastly improved the quality of recycling by reducing the contamination of materials being placed in the containers thus reducing staff time needed to ensure that all materials are being properly sorted. It has also helped to provide a better place for staff members to engage and educate the public in positive ways to promote flexibility, efficiency, and quality in the recycling process.
2. Began using Waste Management, Inc. (WMI) as the contractor for the hauling of municipal solid waste (MSW) and the leasing of equipment needed for (MSW) and bulky waste on July 1, 2008. Modifications were made to the compactor area so that MSW could be compacted into containers provided by WMI. Thus far, this is working out well and this change resulted in a cost savings of \$8257 in 2008 as compared to 2007.
3. Bought out the lease agreement on the Bobcat Skid Steer, which saved \$3080.
4. Contracted PR Russell to chip and haul away all wood debris in August.
5. Began the transition for a new Transfer Station Manager in August.
6. Contracted Ray Hammond to mow the closed landfill in August.
7. Collected soils samples from closed landfill in August and had analyzed to determine proper treatment of area in 2009.
8. Purchased a new storage trailer for Universal Waste in October.
9. Planet Aid delivered and set up two boxes for used clothes and shoes in October.
10. Set up a "Swap Shop" in the old Universal Waste storage building near the compactor in October. This provides a place for residents to both drop off and take items that are considered too good to throw away.
11. Began renovations to the Recycling Center building in December. The renovations will result in the old drive thru area being enclosed to provide for additional space for recycling along with a waste oil furnace that will heat the new addition as well as the existing building. Project completion is expected in March 2009.

PLEASE HELP US SAVE MORE MONEY FOR BELGRADE. RECYCLE AS MUCH DISCARDED MATERIAL AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU!

Belgrade Public Library

Dear Belgrade Citizens,

First, let me extend my appreciation to members of the Library Board of Trustees, the Friends of the Belgrade Public Library, and our library assistant Sandra Fowler for their efforts to provide quality library services to all members of our community. Their support, time and vision make it possible to meet the growing demand for library services. The site for the larger library and the design for future library space are the outcome of their commitment to the citizens of Belgrade.

Many of the library members are looking forward to the larger, centrally located library with space for browsing a broader collection, a quiet reading room, seating areas, literary displays, inviting story time room, and access to more computers for all ages. For now, we are maximizing the use of the space available by rotating the children's books seasonally, and shelving half of the adult fiction collection in storage and retrieving upon request. Fortunately our collection is viewable online so members can call ahead for a book that is in storage.

A space saving initiative for 2009 is downloadable audio books. With your library card you may download an audio book to play on your laptop, burn to discs, or play on your mp3 device. See our website for details.

The Library will continue to offer enrichment programs such as *Resolve to READ* winter reading program, *Children's Story Time* every Thursday at 10:30 a.m., *Chewonki* nature programs, visits to the school with *Baxter the Library Cat*, *First Tuesday Book Club*, and the *Teddy Bear Picnic*. This year's summer reading program theme is *Be Creative @ your library*. We hope to top last summer's participation of 118 children.

The Library is open 25 hours each week. There are 2 computers for public use during library hours and the library's wifi internet signal is available 24/7 from outside the building. If we do not have the book you request, we will borrow it from another library.

In 2008 we added 137 new members bringing the number of library cards issued to 1420. These members borrowed 8578 books, movies, music CDs, magazines and audio books, which was a **17.5% increase** over the number of items checked out in 2007.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Haigh
Library Director

LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday	10-7
Wednesday	3-7
Thursday	10-7
Friday	10-1

Trustees meet first Thursday – 7 p.m.

Friends meet third Wednesday – 6:30p.m.

Information on our website or in the Library!



Baxter

Belgrade Public Library *2008 statistics*

Card holders	1420
Collection size.....	6686
Items borrowed.....	8578
Interlibrary loans.....	189
Library volunteers hours.....	146

www.belgrade.lib.me.us

495-3508

Building Committee Report

In April of 2008 the Select Board appointed the Belgrade Building Committee consisting of Gordon Pow, Chair, Leilani Carlson, Dennis Purington, Dan Newman, Conrad Shaw, Peter Gagne and Rene Burdet as well as ad hoc members Dennis Keschl and Spike Carey. As a result of the approval of Article 27 in March 2008, the Committee was charged with finding a suitable site and completing a conceptual design which would meet the 25 year space requirement for a Municipal Complex housing the Town Office, Historical Society, Food Pantry and Town Office. Meeting on the first three Wednesdays of every month, the committee has completed the task set before them.

The Friends of the Belgrade Public Library have purchased a centrally located site adjacent to the Belgrade Central School. This lot will be available for the multipurpose municipal building complex if and when the town approves the final construction of the building. Many of the necessary studies and surveys have been completed on this site and the Portland firm of Reed and Co Architects was selected to provide a 25 year space study and a conceptual design for a proposed Belgrade Municipal Complex. After meeting with the four stakeholders (Town Office, Friends of the Belgrade Library, Town Historian, and Food Pantry) and have reviewing a number of options for such a facility, a 16,110 square foot conceptual design has been accepted by the Building Committee and the Board of Select Persons. This is nearly 2000 square feet smaller than the original estimate of the required space.

With the approval and support of the Select Board, the Committee has requested a \$75,000 warrant article for the March 2009 Town Meeting. This funding would further the design processes with the civil, electrical, design and permitting studies bringing the necessary information to our citizens on the costs associated for the construction of the proposed facility. There are other articles recommended in the Town Warrant that, if approved, will:

- 1) Authorize retaining Reed & Company for the additional design work in the warrant article requesting \$75,000.
- 2) Authorizes the establishment of a Municipal Building Capital Reserve Account.
- 3) Authorizes the Board of Selectperson to accept or reject donations, if any, which are made for the purpose of naming the new multipurpose municipal facility or any portion of it, with donations to be placed in a Municipal Building Capital Reserve Account.
- 4) Authorizes the Board of Selectperson to sell or trade any donated stocks, securities or other non-cash assets, including real estate, and place the proceeds to the Municipal Building Capital Reserve Account.

The Building Committee is committed to including as many Green Building standards as possible and practical in order to make use of local building materials and to reduce ongoing operational and maintenance costs while reducing its carbon footprint. This goal will be met by using as many of those current technologies as are reasonably affordable.

On January 7, 2009, the Building Committee began a series of forums in order to share this information and to answer questions, and receive input. You can also access all of the meeting minutes, conceptual drawings and floor plans, and other information on the town's website at: www.belgrademaine.com

Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group

The Belgrade Lakes Regional Business Group (BLRBG) had another successful year in 2008. Membership increased to over 85 businesses demonstrating a strong commitment to the region's economic and community interests. To further enhance our exposure to visitors, the BLRBG installed a new, state of the art website (www.belgradelakesmaine.com) this year that makes it easy and convenient to locate businesses and activities in the region. Our popular map is also distributed to thousands of people when they visit.

As in past years, the BLRBG sponsored and lead many of the key events that take place in town including the 4th of July celebration, the Loon Calling contest, Oktoberfest, and the Christmas Stroll.

The BLRBG would like to thank the voters of Belgrade for their financial support of the 4th of July events. This support allows us to deliver the top-notch events that residents and visitors have come to expect.

Board meetings take place the 2nd Monday of each month; Members meetings take place the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Comprehensive Plan Update

The Long Range Planning Committee is 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 critical natural resources, 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. We then recommend changes in municipal policy that we believe will provide the best future for residents.

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 larger population. However, by the year 2000, our population increased to 3,000 residents- another 1,000 people in only 20 years. That is a lot of people, houses, roads, and pollution in a very short time 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.

Our committee is currently discussing resources in Belgrade. In resources, we consider things like our beautiful ponds, forests, natural habitat for deer and moose, historic properties, and farmland. We are assessing these resources, discussing how they overlap with each other (for example, a historic farm that is also a deer wintering habitat), considering which resources are more important than others, and basically determining the "Focus Areas" in Belgrade. These "Focus Areas" will be parts of town that we recommend preserving from future development, not just to maintain their natural characteristics, but also to assist in preserving the rural heritage and water quality we love. Please visit the Comprehensive Plan Update display during Town Meeting, where we will have some maps with potential "Focus Areas" for you to review.

The volunteer committee meets monthly, the third Thursday of the month at the Town Office at 7:00 PM and welcomes all members of the public. If you wish to learn more about the Comprehensive Plan update, or become a member of the committee, please contact:

MacGregor Stocco, Chair, Long Range Planning Committee

Phone: 465-2806

Email: macstocco@yahoo.com

Belgrade-Rome Special Needs Food Pantry

The Belgrade-Rome Special Needs Food Pantry is entering its 17th year of providing food and essential household items to qualified citizens of Belgrade and Rome. In 2008, 73 families were served, 46 of whom were Belgrade residents and this represented 119 (out of a total of 206) individuals. Thirty-four households and 98 individuals on average per month were assisted. This is up from 29 households and 80 individuals on average per month in 2007. 50 dinners at Thanksgiving and 48 dinners at Christmas were distributed in 2008, additionally.

Serious challenges are facing the Pantry in 2009 in order for us to continue to meet the need of the increasing numbers of people its helps. It is the intention of the pantry to continue to meet these challenges and also ease the burden of Belgrade taxpayers from the General Assistance Program.

As always, the generosity of individuals and groups, from Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, schools, churches, the Lions Club, snowmobile clubs, Dr. Tim Comeford, Day's Store, the Long Pond Literary Club- within our communities and those beyond our borders- is greatly appreciated. We are grateful to know of your donations and **THANK YOU** for supporting our mission!

I also want to acknowledge all of the volunteers, including the Board of Directors, who give of their time and support in many ways.

I welcome any questions from citizens of our communities and/or come to witness our operations. Call 495-3667.

Linda Hale, Manager

Board Members

Victoria Bedard; Secretary, Ken Weaver; Treasurer, Joan Tripp; Volunteer Coordinator, Maureen Maslak, Jan Bourne, Reno Deschaine, Betty Weaver

Health Officer's Report

Another year passes and a rocky one it was. The challenges we faced with the unsettling economy and keeping up the pace with our general daily lives have brought a new dimension to lightening our belts and riding the storm. I feel positive about the upcoming year and hope all are looking forward to the future and not at the past.

I must remind you all of the communicable diseases that must be reported to the Bureau of Health. The updated list includes Animal Rabies, Lyme Disease, Meningitis, Viral Encephalitis, Malaria, Invasive Influenza, Invasive Strep group A, Toxic Shock Syndrome, Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, Syphilis, Salmonella, Giardiasis, E Coli, Tuberculosis, Mumps, Rubella, Pertussis, Chicken Pox, Hepatitis and HIV Infection. Please remember that children and adolescents must be up to date on all immunizations (MMR,DPT,Polio, Hep B primary). You may want to check with your medical provider to be sure that the records are complete. Always keep sick children at home with symptoms of fever, vomiting, diarrhea, excessive coughing or sneezing since they are likely to expose others at school. Feel free to contact your medical provider or me if you should have questions about these illnesses or immunizations.

Remember to visit your elderly or homebound neighbors and family during the winter months, especially during the holidays. Short visits can brighten an otherwise uneventful day.

Our local food pantry is serving the community residents in need on a weekly basis and provides food baskets on Thanksgiving and Christmas. A group of volunteers maintain the food pantry and would be happy to receive any donations of non-perishables, time or money.

If you have any questions or would like to suggest a topic for the newsletter, please let me be a resource for you regarding any health issues that concern you. Have a great 2009"

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

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.

Animal Control Officer
Kathleen Ross

Town Historian's Report

Woodside Cemetery

Although Woodside Cemetery does not include Belgrade's oldest burial, it is the final resting place of some very significant people from our past. Here are markers which remind us of men who fought in the Revolutionary War, families that created homesteads from wilderness, and citizens who invented a new town in 1796. Most of the family names listed below "live on" in our town, 200 years after their arrivals.

Some early graves were marked only by a field stone, with no letters or dates. There also were family plots, maybe at the far edge of a field, now grown up to big trees with only a cellar-hole nearby. Where are these smaller spaces?

Land for Woodside, the "Old Yard", was bought for the town by a group of men. David **Farnham** is thought to be the first person buried here, in 1814. In the following list of other gravesites, people are listed alphabetically, to encourage you to take this list with you. Perhaps on a sunny spring day you can find some of these early Belgraders:

The **Austin** brothers came about 1785 with the **Frost** brothers, from the Lebanon, Maine, area. Many of our early settlers did come from Lebanon, in York County, near the New Hampshire line.

Silas **Burbank** died in 1876, although his father Eleazer is buried in the Quaker Cemetery, which had been part of the Burbank farm.

John **Chandler**, prominent early trader at Locke's Mills (Belgrade Lakes), ran a saw mill and grist mill and was a Selectman for thirteen years starting in 1808. He had the granite-block house built from stone sledged across Long Pond. His son died at age 34 in 1848, the year after John, Sr. died.

Deacon Joshua **Damren** died in 1860, age 86; he lies beside his two wives.

Mark **Frost**, born about 1749, served 2 years 7 months in the Massachusetts line (Revolutionary War); was discharged Dec, 1783; and came here with his wife and children. Much later Peasley Morrill wrote a deposition on Mark's behalf vouching for the fact that he was poor, sick and that his land was extremely poor. Frost's sons were too poor to help, but he was paid a military pension before his death in 1835.

John **Mills**, Sr., came from Lebanon after two enlistments in a Massachusetts unit, Revolutionary War. He moved into Belgrade about 1790, and his widow finally received a military bounty.

James **Minot**, Captain of the East Militia Company (Belgrade), and his bride came here from Massachusetts, bought their land from Chase Page, and had ten children. He died in 1830 at age 72. Their son Edwin died from wounds suffered in the Civil War.

Brothers Chase and Abraham **Page** came from New Hampshire in the 1780's after serving 3 years in the Revolution. Abraham served as our first tax collector; his pay was 2 cents on the dollar collected.

George **Penney** died in 1814, an early burial at Woodside. His stone says he enlisted.... He came from Wells to land on the Dunn Road; perhaps his bounty land. His great-great grandson Will, put together a large farm in the south end of town.

Joel **Richardson** and Sarah **Wyman** were the first couple married in the present limits of Belgrade, in 1776, according to records. He settled in North Belgrade, perhaps building the classic brick house on Route 11. He was 68 years old when he died in 1819.

In 1800 John **Rockwood** built the house still standing at Rockwood Corner, right across from South Meeting House, known as Old South Church (new "Old" now). Rockwood had 17 children, was a Selectman for years, town clerk, and lived to be 100.

Hezekiah **Sawtelle** came about 1792 from Massachusetts, served as Town Clerk, Selectman and on the three-man committee that guided the construction of our venerable Town House at the road side of Woodside Cemetery. A warrant article to approve construction of that small building was defeated for several years, but it passed in 1813. Once the Town House was ready, town meetings were held there, rather than in someone's barn. Hezekiah died in 1846.

Rufus **Stuart** inherited his father's progressive farm by the Depot and became a merchant, Justice of the Peace and trial justice. His stone tells us that he was born in 1815.

The **Stevens** Monument memorializes William and his family. According to Lebanon records, William enlisted twice to serve in the Revolution. Later, he rode to Boston twice to negotiate the purchase of his land in Belgrade. From his large family we also salute his great-great grandson Don Carlos Stevens, who established the Stevens Fund which today benefits Belgrade school children.

Rev. Elias **Taylor** was the first white child born at Cushnoc (Augusta), born in 1762 on his father's Lot #21, which Elias, Sr. purchased that same year from the Kennebec Proprietors. He died Jan. 19, 1845 at age 83; his wife Betsy died the previous May at age 79.

Charles **Wyman** was a soldier in the Confederate cause. Can you find his stone?

Paul **Yeaton** was a Revolutionary War veteran from New Hampshire. His brothers Philip and Joshua followed him here about 1796. Paul sold his farm to Nathaniel **Guptill** in 1806. Paul died at age 96, the last Revolutionary veteran in town. His two brothers are also here in Woodside.

Trivia from 200 years ago: In 1808 there was an article in the town warrant to pay the town officers in corn and grain. There is no sign that it passed.

Sources: Town reports, History of Kennebec County, vital records, and military records
Nancy Mairs, Town Historian

The Robert A. Guptill Historical Trust Fund

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

According to the terms and conditions of the trust fund, the Town of Belgrade will hold a certain sum of money in interest bearing accounts or certificates of deposit, whichever derives greater interest. The Interest income will be utilized by the Belgrade Central School for lectures, field trips, or other programs for the promotion and appreciation of history. A faculty committee appointed by the principal shall vote on the use of the funds. Faculty members include: Linda 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 2008 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.

Interest and Disbursements of the Year

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 Field Trip Fall 07	Old Sturbridge Village	-414.50
Bethany Richards/Books Grade 4		- 95.56
Adjustment to balance		+1.00
Deposit-Annual Interest		+575.00
Grade 2 Field Trip	Old Fort Western	-292.00
Balance December 2008		\$1635.13

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Gordon, Principal
Belgrade Central School

Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons

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

The Town of Belgrade and The Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons has entered its third year in partnership with the Waterville Boys & Girls Club/YMCA. It is agreed that the Town of Belgrade is responsible for the maintenance of the building, while the Club is responsible for management of recreation, programs, rentals, events and scheduling. In 2008, the Center was utilized by private individuals, several businesses and many community non-profit organizations.

167 kids registered for the 2008 Camp Golden Pond. Campers visited the Maine Wildlife Park, North St. Playground for a Picnic Lunch, Regal Cinemas, Waterville Waterslides & Municipal Pool, Lake George, Pemaquid Point, Bristol Children's Discovery Museum, Camp Tracy, Portland Sea Dogs game and KOA Campground. The Camp also offered a Jr. Master Gardening program through the University of Maine at Augusta Cooperative Extension. Special entertainment included the Northern Stars Planetarium, a basketball clinic hosted by University of Maine at Orono players and coaches, a magic show, Wildlife Encounters, Rhythm Inlet, and a miniature carnival. Other summer programs included tennis lessons, field hockey lacrosse and swimming lessons. Other programs running include the After School Education Program, Karate, Dance, Clay Club, Fencing, Yoga and Basketball.

The Center has established an annual event calendar for the public to recognize activities that are held at the Center for All Seasons throughout the year. These events are also posted on the Official Town Website at www.belgrademaine.com. The Board of Parks and Recreation also developed a community calendar including these events and can be purchased for \$10.

The building was stained in August, 2008, and looks fabulous. There is more work to be done to the facility as well as the other buildings on the grounds, including improvements on the outdoor restrooms and the cottage overlooking Great Pond.

Remember The Center for All Seasons is your "home away from home". We encourage you to come by to visit or call with any questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Moore

Waterville Area Boys & Girls Club / YMCA

Unit Director, Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons, 207-495-3481

2009 EVENTS

Jan 16	Family Fun Night ~ BEACH PARTY	6:30-8 PM	Aug 1	Fire Department Annual Bean Hole Supper	5-7 PM
Feb 13	Father/Daughter Valentine's Day Dance	6:30-8 PM	Aug 15	Summer Lobster Bake	TBA
Mar 20	Vote	8 AM-8 PM	TBA	Belgrade Region AQUAFEST	8 AM-3 PM
Mar 21	Town Meeting	1 PM	TBA	After-School Program: resumes	
Mar 28	Talent Show & Citizen of the Year presentation	6 PM		Dependent on 2009 school schedule	
April 11	Easter Egg Hunt	9 AM	Sept 5	Annual Yard Sale	10 AM-2 PM
April 24	Family Dance	6:30-8:30 PM	Oct 6	Senior Citizens: Fryeburg Fair Trip	
May 8	Mother/Son Dance	6:30-8:30 PM		8 AM departure, 6 PM return	
May 9	Messalonskee Prom	8 PM	Oct 10	Oktoberfest	11 AM-2 PM
May 30	Green hatter's Hoedown	6:30-8:30 PM	Oct 30	Halloween Party	6:30-8:30 PM
June TBA	Referendum Vote	8 AM-8 PM	Nov 3	VOTE	8 AM-8 PM
June 20	Belgrade Lakes Association Triathlon	TBA	Nov 9-20	Thanksgiving Food Drive (For Belgrade Food Pantry) November 20 Deadline	
June 22	Camp Golden Pond begins	8 AM-4 PM	Dec 5	Holiday Craft fair (Followed by the Holiday Stroll in Village 4-7 PM)	9 AM-3 PM
June 22	Public Pool Opens	As scheduled	Dec 18	Santa Claus is coming to Town!	6:30-8:30 PM
July TBA	Live Comedy Magic Show	TBA			
July 4	Ice Cream Social (Following the parade)	4-5 PM			

Hours of Operation:

3-season: Monday- Friday 10 am-7 pm

* Saturdays: 10 am-7 pm Scheduled rentals & programs ONLY

* Sundays: 10 am-7 pm Scheduled rentals & programs ONLY

*The facility is NOT open unless there is a scheduled rental or program.

Summer: Monday - Friday 7 am-5 pm June 22-August 14, 2009

For the After School Education Program, Daily Recreation Programs, Summer Camp or Rental Opportunities, please inquire through the recreation office at 207-495-3481.

Belgrade Cemetery Committee Report

2008 Burials

Deceased	Burial Date	Cemetery	Lot
M. Louise Gowen	5/9/08	Pine Grove	P4-R6-L6
Julie Foster	5/9/08	Pine Grove	P1-R10-L30
Maurice Weymoth	5/8/08	Pine Grove	P4-R1-L4
Lyle Strickland	5/13/08	Pine Grove	P2-R5-L28
Clarence Libby	5/15/08	Pine Grove	P4-R2-L2
Joyce McKay	05/16/08	Pine Grove	
Bill Gee	5/16/08	Pine Grove	P2-R7-L9
Paul Bickford	5/17/08	Pine Grove	P3-R7-L
Helen Burgess	5/21/08	Pine Grove	P4-R3-L13
Willa McGowan	05/24/08	Pine Grove	P1-R10-L13
Nancy Belserene	5/24/08	Pine Grove	P2-R7-L13
Harland McKenney	5/27/08	Pine Grove	P3-R8-L4
Paul Dunn	5/27/2008	Pine Grove	P1R5L28
Irene Tukey	5/29/08	Pine Grove	P-R-L
Fred Young	5/29/08	Pine Grove	P3-R6-L25
Gloria Kadnar	6/7/08	Pine Grove	P2-R8-L5
Marion Tukey	6/14/08	Pine Grove	
Richard Amon	6/14/08	Pine Grove	P1-R13-L33
Charles Boterf	6/14/08	Pine Grove	P4-R4-L9
Dorothy M. Martin	8/15/2008	Pine Grove	P3-R7-L2
Julia A. Libby	8/19/2008	Pine Grove	P4-R2-L2
Nancy Toms	10/3/2008	Pine Grove	P2-R11-L16
Herbert Toms	10/3/2008	Pine Grove	P2-R11-L16
Muriel Campbell	10/10/2008	Pine Grove	P2-R9-L16
James J. Carey	10/11/2008	Pine Grove	P2-R10-L16
Dana H. Nye, Jr.	10/25/2008	Pine Grove	P2-R7-L6
Duane Hutchins	11/19/2008	Pine Grove	P4-R2-L5

2008 Lot Assignments

Foster	P1-R10-L30		
Paula & Dominic Quatrucci	P4-R9-L8	4 spaces	\$200
Earlen J. Norman	P4-R6-L10N	4 spaces	\$200
James & Becky Carey	P2-R10-L16	4 spaces	\$200
Roger Nadeau	P2-R-L	2 spaces	\$100
J Wayne Pelletier	P1-R7-L18	8 Spaces	\$400

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 during school, additional materials and resources, and new experiences above and beyond what our school district is able to provide. The Trust truly enriches the educational experience of all Belgrade students.

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

The Trust helps fund field trips, support for which continues to be needed in these difficult budgetary times. Our students are able to visit places such as Children's Discovery Museum, Jordan Planetarium, Maine State Museum, and the Page Farm Museum. These trips extend students' learning greatly beyond their textbooks. Due to lower interest rates and budget cuts, our field trips are closer to home these days.

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 again 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, Becky Seel, Jill Mackenzie and Amy Perkins

Don C. Stevens Trust Expenditures and Proposed 2008 Budget

		2008 Proposed	2008 Spent	2009 Proposed
General	Miscellaneous	\$500	\$0	\$500
Art	Teacher Supplies	\$1000	\$702.62	\$1000
	Laminator	\$ 500	\$0	\$ 500
	Ellison Letter Machine	\$1000	\$899.08	\$1000
Enrichment	PCAC	\$7500	\$7410.	\$6000
	Technology Resources	\$ 800	\$ 300	\$ 0
	Art Enrichment	\$2000	\$1921.43	\$0
Math/Science	Materials	\$ 700	\$627.58	\$500
Field Trips		\$2200	\$2077	\$2200
Reading/Writing	References	\$ 500	\$ 468.78	\$ 500
	Library	\$1500	\$1500	\$1500
	Kennebec Valley Book Awards	\$ 200	\$200	\$ 200
	Pride Books	\$ 400	\$ 243.32	\$ 300
	Supplemental	\$2000	\$1579.05	\$2000
TOTAL		\$20,800	\$17,928.86	\$15,200

Superintendent's Report

January 5, 2009

Dear Belgrade Residents:

The voters made a decision on November 4, 2008 that on July 1, 2009 Maine School Administrative District (MSAD) 47 will no longer exist, nor will the China School System. Regional School Unit (RSU) 18 will replace both school departments. A new school district will take their place and will grow by one additional town, China, and by approximately 750 students. RSU 18 will include Belgrade, China, Oakland, Rome and Sidney, with a total enrollment of over 3,200 students.

The merger with China is a result of Governor Baldacci's efforts to consolidate school systems throughout Maine. The Governor's belief is that in times of declining student enrollment, there should be fewer school systems. As I stated last year, Maine is facing extremely tough budget projections into the immediate future. According to the financial projections, Maine is in dire straights; 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. 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 school systems.

The voters have spoken, and the time has come for implementation. A new RSU School Board will be elected on February 3, 2009. There will be ten Board members, with three representing Oakland, two representing Belgrade, two representing China, two representing Sidney and one representing Rome, using a weighed vote system. The size of the new School Board is relative to the census population of each town.

The new RSU Board and the MSAD 47 and China School Boards will all work together from February through June 30 on transitioning issues. Our Board and China's Board formed transition subcommittees in the areas of policy, finance and curriculum/instruction. Each of these committees has representation from both school systems and will act in an advisory capacity to the new RSU Board once elected in February. The students of all five communities will be the center for all decision-making, as every area of the operation is scrutinized. The immediate issue facing the new RSU Board is the adoption of mandated policies and the development of the 2009-2010 RSU school budget.

There are numerous policies that must be adopted in relatively quick fashion, as they are required by the federal and/or state. Policies that relate to how the new School Board governs itself must also take top priority. By July 1, 2009, the new Board will have to have operational policies in place that reflect guidance for parents, students and administrators.

Budget development will also be of immediate concern to the new School Board. Sometime this spring, the voters of all five towns will be asked to support a budget for RSU 18. Currently, both the MSAD 47 and China School Boards are in the beginning stages of collecting data and requests from staff in both school systems. By February all budget work will transition to the new RSU School Board. The process will look similar to the towns, with many public meetings, presentations in each town, questions answered and ultimately a budget presented. All of this will be happening in one of the most difficult financial times in Maine's history.

Tough budget times are ahead of us. This year, the Governor cut spending on education mid-year due to the lack of revenue being collected by the state because of the recession. Next year and the year after look no better, and, in fact, may be worse. This will be a very difficult budget to place before the voters. Both systems have been cutting programs and positions over the past several years.

This is the time to say thank you to all who served and gave up many evenings over a sixteen-month period, resulting in the formation of RSU 18. Every community was well represented by individuals that kept the best interest of the students in the forefront of their decision-making.

It is also the time to say thank you to the hundreds of School Board members who have served in both school systems over the previous decades. The end of MSAD 47 and the China School System represents a new beginning as well. To those who are elected in February, thank you for your willingness to serve the students of RSU 18.

As with any change of this magnitude, there is much that needs to be done, some very predictable and some that is less predictable. The work before us is great and will require hundreds of hours, careful thought and must be done in a timely manner.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance

The Belgrade region is special to everyone who lives here for its natural beauty and recreational opportunities. The Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA) 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.

This year marked the 20th anniversary of BRCA. From our beginnings in 1988 as the Watson Pond Conservation Trust, our membership has climbed to over 1000 members and growing. Their volunteer efforts and donations, along with the support of area towns, including Belgrade, make the conservation alliance efforts successful. We thank you for your continued support... we're in it for the long haul.

Lake Trust

BRCA's new annual event, AQUAFEST, was a huge success. This celebration of the land, water, and communities of the Belgrade Lakes Watershed began on August 29 with a cocktail party and boat show, and continued on August 30 with a 5K road race, fun run, children's activities, and more. With your help, we will be holding this event every Labor Day weekend, as a capstone to the summer season

Land Trust

BRCA is excited to announce that in July, we received a \$227,000 grant from the Land for Maine's Future program to add over 1,000 acres to the Kennebec Highlands. This will be Phase III of the Kennebec Highlands project; Phase I and Phase II protected 5,500 acres west of Long Pond for wildlife habitat and public use. Target areas for Phase III include the headwaters of McIntire, Boody, and Kimball Ponds, as well as other scenic areas adjacent to the existing Kennebec Highlands. The Kennebec Highlands remains the largest block of conservation land in Central Maine, and this project will add to that legacy. Our Land Trust Committee has been hard at work to secure the target areas; BRCA has purchased, holds an option on, or is near reaching an agreement on over 1,000 acres in all the target properties for Phase III of the Kennebec Highlands. To support this acquisition, we have launched a capital campaign to match the grant funding and raise the remainder of the funds necessary to complete this project. In addition to Phase III of the Kennebec Highlands, we continue to pursue land conservation throughout the Belgrade Lakes Watershed, are currently working on a number of potential land purchases, donations, and easements.

Since its foundation in 1988, BRCA has protected over 1,300 acres through land acquisition and conservation easements. Total land BRCA owns is 949 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 7101 total Courtesy Boat Inspections on all the Belgrade Lakes in 2008. The inspections were performed by a team of 26 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.

Despite these efforts, however, Eurasian water milfoil was discovered in the cove near the Salmon Lake boat launch on August 1st. This relative of the variable-leaf water milfoil in Messalonskee Lake is even more aggressive than its cousin and can quickly spread throughout shallow areas of a lake. The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (DIFW) quickly responded to this threat, however. Within a week of the milfoil's discovery, DEP personnel conducted the first of four dives to remove the milfoil. DEP, BRCA, and the McGrath Pond-Salmon Lake Association worked together to coordinate in-depth surveys of the remainder of Salmon Lake, Hatchery Brook leading from Salmon Lake to Great Pond, and Great Pond near the inlet in Hatch Cove. No additional plants were found, and further control options for next spring and summer are being explored.

Elsewhere in the Belgrade Lakes, the news is better. A BRCA Courtesy Boat Inspector successfully prevented Eurasian water milfoil (from a lake in Massachusetts) from entering Great Pond, keeping another lake from being infested. This was the only invasive plant discovered entering the lakes, though, and relatively few plants were found overall; proof that boaters are responding to the program and inspecting their boats for plant fragments. Courtesy Boat Inspectors have reported growing recognition and support for the program from boaters.

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

Great Pond.....	1434
Salmon Lake.....	489
Long Pond.....	1200
Messalonskee Lake (2 ramps)	2420
Total.....	5543

BRCA Youth Conservation Corps

The youth Conservation Corps completed its 13th year of working to protect and enhance the water quality of the Belgrade Lakes by performing erosion control projects in the watershed. Thirteen local high school and college students, working in two crews, completed 55 projects, 24 in Belgrade. To date, 549 projects have been completed, 187 of those in Belgrade.

The Conservation Corps completed several very visible projects this summer, beginning the season by installing a rain garden at Day's Store to catch runoff coming from the driveway. This rain garden, which was seeded with a mix of native wildflowers, will collect runoff and allow it to infiltrate into the ground rather than flowing directly into the lake. Later in the year, the Conservation Corps returned to Belgrade Lakes to replace the mulch at Peninsula Park. Other projects completed this year included shoreline riprap, buffer gardens, infiltration steps, and other erosion control measures.

Sincerely,
BRCA Board of Directors

Belgrade Tree Warden Report

This past year was a busy year, as the Tree Committee continued its education outreach in Belgrade regarding the Tree Ordinance. This was an important project for our Tree Committee and the Town. After two years of perseverance and great outreach, the ordinance was passed in March, 2008. This came at a very opportune time, as the fall was very busy dealing with multiple tree crews in town trimming the trees along the power lines. Our ordinance played a key role in insuring the trees of Belgrade were properly pruned (for the most part!).

Many thanks to all of our tree board members, John Blasnek, Norma Blazer, Sylvia Columbe, Sue Gawler, Loyce Hayslett, Abbott Ladd, Phil Sprague, Christie and Doug Wood for all of your help.

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

- Continued trees maintenance along Main Street as well as the entrance to Loon Cove;
- Working collaboratively with the Cemetery Committee
- Developed and passed the Belgrade Tree Ordinance
- Continued educational outreach to raise awareness about the importance of trees in Belgrade

As Town Tree Warden, it is truly an honor to work with such wonderful and committed volunteers. This year we also saw changes on our committee. Norma Blazer finished her term but Wayne Smith quickly got up to speed this fall to fill the gap. Thanks to all of you all of your help as we go into our fourth year of work here in Belgrade.

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Belgrade Draggin' Masters Snowmobile Club

The snowmobile trail system continues to be 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.

We are happy to report good attendance at the club meetings and work sessions. The trail crews were busy this fall: we have re-routed sections of three trails – they have been smoothed, trimmed, and signs have been posted. Several bridges needed attention: we rebuilt one bridge, replaced the decking on the ramps and the stripping on all of the Spaulding Bridge, and repaired two other bridges. We have purchased a new trail drag, and just picked up the new drag sled to pull it. This will make a big difference in the dragging maintenance hours for about ½ of our trails. We will include here a little info about new issues: washouts and wet holes. They used to be rare but in the last few years they have become a serious issue and our club members do the best they can to manage these bad situations as they occur. Please use care if you come upon a washout or wet hole that we have not had time to repair.

The fields are staked out, signage is up, and we are ready for some serious snow. As we write this report, we hope the weather reverts to winter cold and that new snow is plentiful!

I personally wish to thank all the hard-working Club members. We had a fine time this past year at our annual Club cookout. It was held at Rat Mill Pond – we served hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken wings, dessert, coffee and soft drinks – it is a chance for our hard-working volunteers to relax and socialize. We look forward to February 28, 2009 for our cookout this year and encourage all Belgrade sled owners to join us in the fun at a new location: the pond just off the Whitney Road, conditions permitting.

Local businesses continue to support our efforts through donations and huge discounts. Hammond Lumber and Brent Mace were very generous to the Club in providing supplies for the bridge repairs. At one of our major intersections, we have posted a large sign advertizing 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 Saturday April 11, 2009. 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 like to see a big turnout this year. We will be sending out invitations 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

January 9, 2009

Dear Citizens of Belgrade:

In 2008, Mainers entrusted me to serve another term in the U.S. Senate. I am deeply honored and pledge to continue to work with my colleagues, both old and new, and with President Obama to forge bipartisan solutions to the economic crisis and the many other challenges facing our nation. I appreciate this opportunity to report on some highlights of my recent work in the U.S. Senate.

The number one priority continues to be to strengthen our struggling economy. We must look at additional ways to get our economy back on track. Last summer, I introduced an economic recovery bill, which included a proposal for \$50 billion in infrastructure funding to create jobs and improve our nation's aging transportation infrastructure. Anyone who drives in Maine recognizes the deteriorating state of many of our roads and bridges. Investing in our infrastructure not only creates jobs but also leaves communities with lasting and needed assets. My proposal also includes \$1 billion in additional funding for the Workforce Investment Act and tax incentives to help small businesses and to encourage energy conservation.

One of the energy provisions of the legislation was signed into law year. It provides a \$300 tax credit to help individuals purchase clean-burning wood pellet stoves in order to provide an affordable alternative for heating for homes.

Soaring energy prices throughout much of 2008 highlight the critical need for our nation to achieve energy independence. As a nation, we should set a goal of energy independence by the year 2020- an ambitious goal that will require a multi-faceted approach, but one that can be achieved through resolve and commitment. I joined a bipartisan group of 20 Senators that has developed a comprehensive bill to expand production of American energy, promote conservation, and spur the development of alternative sources of energy. To immediately mitigate the effects of high prices, I fought to increase funding for programs that help our seniors and low-income families such as the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Weatherization Assistance Program.

As the Ranking Member of the Senate Homeland Security Committee, I am committed to ensuring that our nation is as safe as possible and that government is prepared to respond to disasters. Maine certainly has had its share of natural disasters during the past year. This year, my homeland security priorities include renewing a port security law that I coauthored and strengthening security at labs containing dangerous pathogens.

Other priorities include supporting the vital work being done at Bath Iron Works, the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, and other defense-related businesses throughout Maine- all of which are making significant contributions to our national security. We must also continue to improve and expand access to affordable health care-particularly in our rural communities-expand aid for education, protect our environment.

While this is just a brief summary of my recent work in Washington over the past several months, please know that I will continue to work as hard as possible representing Maine in the U.S. Senate. I am grateful for many blessings, including the opportunity to continue representing Belgrade and Maine in the United States Senate.

If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Augusta office at 207-622-8414, or visit my website at <http://collins.senate.gov>.

Sincerely
Susan M Collins
United States Senator

State Senator Walter Gooley, District 18

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It is a great honor to represent the people of Belgrade in the State Senate.

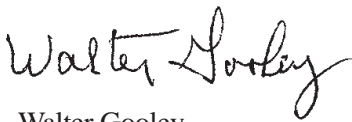
The 124th Legislature will face many challenges when we begin our work in January. One of the first items to deal with is a \$150 million revenue shortfall in the current budget. In an attempt to fill the gap, the Governor has called for 10% across the board cuts in most state government agencies, which trims slightly less than half the shortfall. The Legislature will be tasked with finding an additional \$80 million in savings just to get through the current fiscal year ending June 30.

Later in January the Governor will introduce the budget for the next biennium; with an estimated shortfall of \$800 million, lawmakers will have some very tough decisions to make. These circumstances, however, present an opportunity to retool state government, reduce the size of the bureaucracy, carefully review the effectiveness of current programs, and set the state government on a course for long term sustainability. As it deals with the current budgetary problems, the Legislature should keep in mind the longer term strategy needed to get Maine's economy growing.

I am confident that we will be able to cut wasteful spending while preserving the safety net for Maine's most vulnerable citizens. While some lawmakers may tout raising taxes to increase revenue, I am adamantly opposed to such measures. In November, Maine people rejected a new tax on beverages, beer, wine and health insurance claims and sent a clear message to Augusta that no new taxes would be tolerated. I am firmly committed to addressing Maine's budget crisis without further burdening Maine's taxpayers.

Thank you for entrusting me with the privilege of representing your interests in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me if you or a member of your family is having difficulties navigating state bureaucracy. I can be reached in Augusta at 287-1505, in the district at 778-2368 or by email at wgooley@hciwireless.net.

Sincerely,



Walter Gooley
State Senator
District #18

Maine House of Representatives, Pat Jones



REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF BELGRADE

Dear Neighbors:

It is an honor to continue to serve as your representative to the Maine Legislature. Continued budget constraints, drastic reductions in federal funding, and additional mandates from Washington have demanded the further reorganization of government services to improve efficiency, forcing the Legislature to make many more difficult choices this year. As the Legislature reconvenes, I hope to hear from many of you with comments, suggestions and opinions on the many tough decisions our state must make in the coming months.

As a member of the Health and Human Services Committee, I am very concerned about preserving necessary services for people in our communities in light of the significant budget shortfall that Maine faces today. Just as we are all tightening our budgets at home and looking for ways to spend our personal dollars more effectively, state government is going to have to find further efficiencies.

Efficiency, however, is baseless if it is not balanced with the tools for success. Consolidation, regionalization, and other efforts to collaborate services and functions across levels of government must be recognized with an eye toward the realities of day-to-day implementation, and not just a balance sheet or a plan on paper.

Now more than ever, it is critical that we remember Maine values and use our Yankee ingenuity to do more with less to ensure that we can provide access to quality, affordable health care, create opportunity through education, protect consumers and preserve our natural heritage and environment.

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

For the year ending 2008, the construction activity has seen a substantial decline as compared to years past. The total number of building permits issued, were 93 as compared to 128 in 2007. Below are the comparisons:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Single Family Dwellings	22	09
New Seasonal Home	04	03
Alterations/Additions	45	44
Garages/Sheds/Access. Building	38	30
Mobile Homes	07	02
Swimming Pools	02	01
Commercial Structures	07	02
Foundations/Retaining Wall	03	01
Towers	00	01
TOTAL	128	93

Please remember that the Town does require a final inspection for all projects in which a building permit was issued. Also a driveway permit is required if a new driveway is proposed on Town Roads as well as State Roads. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at home 495-3868 or the Belgrade Town Office at 495-2258.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary R. Fuller

Code Enforcement Officer

Plumbing Inspector's Report

As we've seen a decline in the number of building permits issued, the number of plumbing permits issued, were less than years past as well.

The total number of plumbing permits was 60 as compared to 72 in 2007. Of these permits, 42 were for external plumbing and 18 were for interior plumbing.

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

If you need a permit or an inspection, please contact me at home- 495-3868 or at the Belgrade Town Office at 495-2248.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary R. Fuller

Plumbing Inspector, Town of Belgrade

Town Clerk's Report

Marriages in 2008

27

Births in 2008

28

Deaths in 2008

26

Online Registrations

Vehicles 190..... \$30,154.41

Dog 16\$48.00

Dog Licensing

Licenses Issued297

Kennel Licenses Issued..... 3

In Memory Of

Deceased	Age	Date of Death
Phyllis M Ambrose	83	June 10, 2008
Leonard Wayne Anderson	69	May 23, 2008
Nancy Ley Belserene	78	May 21, 2008
Walter F Bergren	72	November 2, 2008
Charles H Boterf	79	March 25, 2008
James Jeffrey Carey	27	October 7, 2008
Simone T Chase	63	December 15, 2008
Robert Lewis Cook	60	July 17, 2008
Crystal Lee Cunningham	17	May 31, 2008
Vassar Milford Dellarma	71	May 27, 2008
Mary N Dillion	73	November 24, 2008
William L Gee	78	February 2, 2008
Frederick K Gildred	83	January 20, 2008
M. Louise Gowen	88	April 13, 2008
Gail Thompson Hulsey	57	July 11, 2008
Gloria Joan Kadnar	70	February 17, 2008
Dorothy Marie Martin	80	August 11, 2008
Joseph Merinsky	88	January 10, 2008
Scott Paul Newman	45	October 29, 2008
Dana Hammond Nye	91	August 18, 2008
Edward E Partridge	68	September 23, 2008
Frances M Prescott	66	September 26, 2008
Paul Charles Quirion	39	August 15, 2008
Roger Hall Shannon	79	December 5, 2008
Lyle B Strickland	81	January 24, 2008
Arnold B Stuart	82	November 24, 2008

Fish & Wildlife Licenses Issued

RESIDENT	
Adult Hunt & Fish	208
Adult Hunting	60
Archery	32
Bear Permits.....	12
Coyote	2
Expanded Archery	15
Fall Turkey	10
Spring Turkey.....	29
Fishing.....	447
Junior Hunt.....	16
Migratory Waterfowl.....	20
Muzzle Loading Permit	20
Superpack.....	7
Supersport 1	
Total	879

NON-RESIDENT	
NR Hunt & Fish Combination.....	3
NR Jr Hunt.....	1
NR Big Game.....	4
NR Small Game.....	3
NR Apprentice Hunt.....	1
NR Season Fish.....	64
1 Day Fish	10
3 Day Fish	38
7 Day Fish	13
15 Day Fish	15
Total	210
Boats.....	1,051
Snow's.....	316
ATV's.....	160
Total	1,527

Tax Collector's Report

2008 Unpaid Real Property Taxes as of December 31, 2008

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Adams, Barbara J	\$ 814.69	Burbank, Cathy	\$ 760.69
Adams, Stacie	\$ 89.95	Bureau, Kenneth E & Dorna R	\$ 2,185.34
Ainslie, Jay & Debra	\$ 669.49	Burgess, Alan C	\$ 1,585.69
AKJ Associates	\$ 2,905.39	Burgess, Chris J	\$ 887.94
Allen, Stephen R & Tina	\$ 2,446.64	Burton, Michael	\$ 1,031.08
Amik Realty LLC	\$ 8,213.72	Burton, Terry A & Claudia J	\$ 1,628.10
Ardito, Ralph	\$ 1,540.72	Burton, Terry A & Claudia J	\$ 1,280.37
Ashland, Brian & Dori	\$ 489.59	Carrano, Arthur J & Gail L	\$ 1,520.67
Aslam, Dru K	\$ 1,458.48	Cayer, Lionel A & Kathleen D	\$ 109.23
Aslam, Dru K	\$ 1.29	CG Development	\$ 276.28
Athos, Thomas	\$ 131.07	Chaput, Carla	\$ 1,096.11
Athos, Thomas	\$ 87.38	Chaput, Steven C	\$ 1,512.45
Austin, Matthew & Kimberly	\$ 159.34	Chaude, Mary & Jean	\$ 2,657.89
Ayotte, Tara	\$ 1,268.30	Childs, Kathleen (Life Estate)	\$ 848.10
Bagwell, Charles & Sandra	\$ 147.78	Childs, Karen	\$ 591.10
Bagwell, Charles & Sandra	\$ 2,320.71	Ciforelli, Robert & Esther	\$ 1,938.29
Baker, James H & Kimberly	\$ 510.15	Clark, Douglas & Katherine	\$ 456.22
Ballard, Glee C	\$ 1,376.24	Cochran, Marion	\$ 479.31
Barnes, Gerald C & Donna J	\$ 2,477.48	Conant, Douglass E & Melissa Rose	\$ 673.85
Bates, Robert S	\$ 80.49	Coulombe, Amanda S	\$ 7,875.77
Beers, Tammy S & Gerald L	\$ 179.90	Court, Dennis W & Leanne M	\$ 1,740.40
Belgrade Lakes Realty Group	\$ 458.75	Crommett, Craig L & Ruth A	\$ 1,461.56
Belgrade Lakes Realty Group	\$ 352.09	Cummings, Michele G	\$ 120.44
Belgrade Lakes Realty Group	\$ 259.57	Daku, Jacob G & Ginger	\$ 1,164.21
Belgrade Lakes Realty Group	\$ 263.43	Damren, Richard & Mayna	\$ 112.31
Belgrade Lakes Realty Group	\$ 260.86	Damren, Susan	\$ 272.93
Belgrade Lakes Realty Group	\$ 496.01	Davis, Jeffrey & Rebecca	\$ 635.30
Belgrade Lakes Realty Group	\$ 260.86	Delrossi, Kathleen	\$ 1,504.74
Belgrade Lakes Realty Group	\$ 296.83	Demore, David A & Kelly J	\$ 1,827.78
Berry, Mark W	\$ 227.45	Dexter, Patrick Vernon	\$ 567.04
Berry, Mark W	\$ 357.23	Dippolito, Maria	\$ 295.55
Berry, Mark W	\$ 1,792.58	Draper, Dawn	\$ 484.45
Berube, Gerard & Bonnie L	\$ 829.34	Ducharme, Edward Jr. & Mary W	\$ 848.06
Best Apartments, Inc	\$ 2,886.11	Dulac, Paula B & Scott	\$ 1,890.24
Best Apartments, Inc	\$ 3,546.60	Dunbar, Lisa M & Daryl I	\$ 111.80
Bickford, Thomas & Paula	\$ 943.70	East-West Trust	\$ 266.00
Biegon, Perry Jon & Wendy K	\$ 272.42	Ellis, Beverly & Diana Ellis	\$ 12.85
Biegon, Perry Jon & Wendy K	\$ 273.71	Ellis, Mona	\$ 116.03
Biegon, Perry Jon & Wendy K	\$ 3,196.31	Engel, John S	\$ 68.11
Biegon, Perry Jon & Wendy K	\$ 308.40	Equity One Inc	\$ 1,274.72
Biegon, Perry Jon & Wendy K	\$ 276.28	Equity One Inc	\$ 1,581.84
Bonneface, Darlene	\$ 1,358.76	Farina, John P	\$ 996.86
Bonneface, Darlene	\$ 174.76	Farris, Carol & Earl	\$ 292.98
Borssen, Arne & Sigrid	\$ 1,371.61	Farris, Carol & Earl	\$ 263.43

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2008 Unpaid Real Property Taxes as of December 31, 2008

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Farris, Carol & Earl	\$ 262.14	Howe, Michael R Sr	\$ 1,494.46
Farris, Carol & Earl	\$ 259.57	Hoyt, Bonnie A	\$ 1,996.89
Farris, Carol & Earl	\$ 260.86	HPCR Asset Management Group LLC	\$ 328.96
Farris, Carol & Earl	\$ 268.57	Hunt, Bob	\$ 1,270.87
Farris, Carol & Earl	\$ 1,643.52	Hutchings, Duane	\$ 527.36
Farris, Carol & Earl	\$ 259.57	Hutchinson-Fontana, Diane	\$ 449.75
Farris, Jacqueline L	\$ 262.14	Jabar, Jason M	\$ 3,060.87
Fast, David J & Ona	\$ 1,711.21	Jabar, Joseph M Jr	\$ 1,272.15
Feldhouse, Walter B	\$ 923.92	Janco, Joseph A Jr & Barbara	\$ 249.29
Feldmus, Aaron	\$ 1,286.29	Jenney, Spencer	\$ 291.70
Finley, Martin S Jr	\$ 387.28	JF & AF, LLC	\$ 1,547.14
Firth, Sarah & Getty, William	\$ 2,481.85	Kadnar, Keith J & Stephanie S	\$ 1,536.86
Fitzgerald, David Jr	\$ 925.20	Kennebec Camps Jr	\$ 9,890.42
Flanagan, Bartlett & Elaine	\$ 3,925.68	Kenney, Cindy	\$ 312.26
Flannery, Niomi Ruth & Robert	\$ 1,061.67	Ketch, Edward L. Jr. & Beth	\$ 1,073.49
French, Frederick E Jr	\$ 142.64	Kinney, Kevin C	\$ 1,512.96
French, Gail & Fred E Sr	\$ 711.12	Kinsella, Michael E	\$ 164.48
French, Gregory	\$ 1,315.84	Knox-Viona, Jane	\$ 1,025.43
French, Helen c/o Mark Black	\$ 720.89	Krikorian, Patricia & Stephen J	\$ 2,170.37
Fulling, Tammy & Nathaniel	\$ 2,419.66	LaFlamme, Monique	\$ 1,879.18
Gagnon, Charles & Linda M	\$ 642.50	LaFreniere, Lance J	\$ 1,459.76
Gardner, James S & Cheryl S	\$ 894.36	Laliberte, Glen A	\$ 1,833.70
Gardner, Jeanette F & Neil L	\$ 136.21	Lambert, Dawn & Shirley, Tammy	\$ 1,720.62
Gee, Carol	\$ 1,392.94	Landry, Linda L	\$ 913.64
Geneva Ventures LLC	\$ 4,394.70	Languet, Jon A	\$ 2,022.59
Genovay, John J & Bonnie	\$ 309.62	Lathrop, James A Jr & Sherri A	\$ 1,031.86
Gerrie, Mary P	\$ 367.51	Lavenson, Joel	\$ 2,504.34
Grant, Jeffrey R & Michele M	\$ 504.23	Lavenson, Joel & Crista	\$ 812.00
Grant, Shawn	\$ 591.10	Lavenson, Joel & Crista	\$ 6,001.32
Grant, Shawn & Berry, Mark	\$ 412.49	Leibfried, Edward & Sandra	\$ 378.70
Grant, Shawn & Berry, Mark	\$ 2,284.73	Lemelin, Deborah	\$ 19.28
Grant, Shawn	\$ 646.36	Lemelin, Jimm R Sr & Eileen	\$ 790.28
Green, Wayne	\$ 228.73	Leonhardt, Robert L Trustee	\$ 4,141.47
Guite, Parris A & Pamela J	\$ 3,672.53	Lewis, Don M II	\$ 2,846.79
Guite, Parris A & Pamela J	\$ 2,048.29	Libby Keith M	\$ 1,947.28
Hafford, Robert K	\$ 1,887.67	Libby, Steven & Mae	\$ 915.43
Hale, Linda	\$ 569.36	Little, Rosemarie	\$ 1,077.34
Hammond, Amy	\$ 254.43	Lord, David F	\$ 2,678.45
Hammond, Michael J & Amy H	\$ 205.10	Lord, David F	\$ 51.40
Hatch, Denise K & Christopher	\$ 7,622.62	Madore, Robin E	\$ 481.88
Hauf, Robert C & Muriel	\$ 1,870.96	Magee, Robert E & Bragdon, Megan F	\$ 930.85
Hawes, Kevin S & Julie M	\$ 732.45	Maine Central Railroad	\$ 611.66
Healy, Francis P Jr & Jacqueline	\$ 1,304.04	Manning, Maureen C Revocable Trust	\$ 4,850.88
Hickey Family Trust	\$ 289.13	Manning, Maureen C Revocable Trust	\$ 143.92
Hickey Family Trust	\$ 1,242.60	Mare, Lawrence P	\$ 2,224.97
Hill, Geoffrey W	\$ 3,406.54	Markham, Janice	\$ 1,589.30
Hooper, Lucretia	\$ 822.91	Marshall, Gilbert	\$ 71.96

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2008 Unpaid Real Property Taxes as of December 31, 2008

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Mathews, Vicki M & Vincent S	\$ 2,202.49	Soucy, Carol L	\$ 1,151.60
Mathieu, Lucien F & Barbara L	\$ 1,095.83	Spaulding, Loyal & Marilyn	\$ 1,709.05
McCray, Keith A & Donna L	\$ 4,180.62	Spaulding, Loyal	\$ 1,868.00
McDonald, Peter F	\$ 336.67	St Pierre, Stacy	\$ 2,200.43
McKay, Jack & Crystal	\$ 1,001.02	Steinbeiser, Christian & Andrew	\$ 1,752.74
McKendry, Peter J & Hubbard, Harriet F	\$ 1,287.57	Steinberg, Robert J & Ann	\$ 1,655.59
McKenna, Cheryl	\$ 240.30	Stevens, Betsy	\$ 87.38
McManus, Peter B	\$ 2,892.54	Stevens, Betsy	\$ 661.78
Megill, Mark	\$ 853.24	Stevens, Keith M	\$ 273.71
Merrow, Christopher	\$ 964.26	Stevens, Ormand	\$ 693.13
Mills, Ronald	\$ 670.00	Stevens, Ormand	\$ 19.28
Neilson Realty Trust	\$ 3,531.18	Stilphen, Arthur & Brenda	\$ 1,314.56
Neilson Realty Trust	\$ 70.68	Stilphen, Arthur & Brenda	\$ 2,499.33
Nickless, Chad & Kim	\$ 853.24	Stilphen, Arthur & Brenda	\$ 330.25
Osborne, Gary M & Amy S	\$ 2,973.49	Stratton, Hal	\$ 62.97
Osmond, David N	\$ 1,917.22	Stratton, Hal	\$ 176.05
Partridge, Gerald	\$ 2,650.18	Strohmeier, Lawrence	\$ 2,750.41
Pepper, David	\$ 257.00	Stuart, Charles	\$ 2,685.65
Pepper, David E	\$ 326.39	Stuart, Charles	\$ 3,511.91
Pepper, Gordon J & Priscilla	\$ 933.70	Stuart, Charles L & Trisha L	\$ 1,407.08
Pepper-Morin, Cynthia M Trust	\$ 379.08	Sturk, Suzette, Douglas, Edgar, & Tilton, Collette	\$ 4,288.30
Pepper-Morin, Cynthia M Trust	\$ 470.31	Taylor, Donald G	\$ 267.28
Pepper-Morin, Cynthia M Trust	\$ 885.88	Taylor, Gary & Tammy	\$ 1,944.21
Perry, Mark E	\$ 2,960.64	Theriault, Daniel R	\$ 1,439.20
Philbrick, Paul C	\$ 1,171.15	Tukey, Colleen	\$ 846.04
Phillips, John Bennet & May C	\$ 1,802.86	Vista Development Inc	\$ 327.68
Pinkham, Catherine M	\$ 555.63	Vista Development Inc	\$ 331.53
Pooler, Craig E	\$ 1,559.22	Vista Development Inc	\$ 32.13
Poulin, Cathleen L	\$ 1,218.69	Vista Development Inc	\$ 32.13
Pray, Edna Realty Trust	\$ 873.03	Vista Development Inc	\$ 32.13
Rackleff, Lorailie & Rideout, Vickie	\$ 613.74	Vista Development Inc	\$ 64.25
Raynes, David & Lucienne	\$ 2,228.19	Wadleigh, Bryce & Pamela J	\$ 1,627.32
Rogers-Stevens, Denise	\$ 693.90	Wasserman, Robert F	\$ 2,442.79
Rogers-Stevens, Denise	\$ 1,843.98	Wasserman, Robert F	\$ 44.98
Rogue Enterprises LLC	\$ 2,025.16	Webster, Jamison	\$ 416.34
Rogue Enterprises LLC	\$ 2,268.03	Webster, John G & Sandra	\$ 2,323.28
Rowe, Rodney	\$ 3,705.99	Willey, Cecil	\$ 639.93
Sandgren, Carl & Iona	\$ 1,203.27	Wilson, Betty	\$ 1,297.85
Saucier, James	\$ 2,647.10	Wilson, Robert W & Donna L	\$ 1,109.47
Sawyer, Carroll	\$ 48.83	Wood, Harvey & Joyce	\$ 1,804.14
Sawyer, Carroll	\$ 429.19	Wright, Chester D & Karen S	\$ 593.67
Sawyer, Carroll	\$ 983.89	Wright, James & Diane	\$ 455.61
Seiden, Gregory B & Constance	\$ 237.73	Young, Sharon Bard	\$ 2,672.80
Serio, Frank & Pamela	\$ 2,600.07	Zozula, Robert B & Maryann	\$ 3,947.52
Shirley & Lambert Associates Inc	\$ 2,275.74		
Shiverick-Hughes, Dayle	\$ 1,558.71		
Smith, Harland R & Amy	\$ 1,516.30	TOTAL	\$356,052.24

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2007 Unpaid Taxes as of December 31, 2008

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Ashland, Brian & Dori	\$ 528.09	Landry, Linda L	\$ 951.97
Barnes, Gerald C & Donna J	\$ 2,515.20	Languet, Jon A	\$ 2,060.49
Bickford, Thomas & Paula	\$ 975.35	Lewis, Don M II	\$ 2,877.68
Bonneface, Darlene	\$ 213.40	Maine Central Railroad	\$ 174.16
Borssen, Arne & Sigrid	\$ 1,403.09	Mathews, Vicki M & Vincent S	\$ 1,713.58
Burgess, Chris	\$ 930.13	McDonald, Peter F	\$ 44.72
CG Development	\$ 34.88	McKendry, Peter J & Hubbard Harriet F	\$ 1,325.76
Chaput, Carla	\$ 1,112.49	McKenna, Cheryl	\$ 285.32
Childs, Kathleen (Life Estate)	\$ 385.77	Marrow, Christopher	\$ 995.90
Choate, Eugene P	\$ 115.77	Mills, Ronald	\$ 701.75
Cochran, Marion	\$ 517.81	Partridge, Gerald	\$ 1,398.06
Conant, Douglass E & Melissa Rose	\$ 714.60	Pray, Edna Realty Trust	\$ 904.71
Davis, Jeffrey & Rebecca	\$ 667.07	Sandgren, Carl & Iona	\$ 1,234.82
Dippolito, Maria	\$ 334.13	Sawyer, Carroll	\$ 87.51
Ellis, Beverly & Diana et al	\$ 12.21	Sawyer, Carroll	\$ 467.72
Engel, John S	\$ 44.09	Serio, Frank & Pamela	\$ 2,631.06
Farris, Carol & Earl	\$ 296.88	Stevens, Betsy	\$ 126.05
Farris, Carol & Earl	\$ 298.17	Stevens, Betsy	\$ 700.22
Farris, Carol & Earl	\$ 307.16	Stevens, Ormand	\$ 724.88
Farris, Carol & Earl	\$ 299.45	Stilphen, Arthur & Brenda	\$ 1,094.85
Farris, Jacqueline L	\$ 300.73	Stilphen, Arthur & Brenda M	\$ 1,060.27
Feldhouse, Walter B	\$ 723.42	Stilphen, Arthur A & Brenda M	\$ 368.82
Fitzgerald, David Jr.	\$ 963.53	Stuart, Charles	\$ 2,192.80
Flanagan, Bartlett & Elaine	\$ 3,962.83	Stuart, Charles	\$ 3,032.85
French, Gail	\$ 742.86	Stuart, Charles L & Trisha L	\$ 1,445.22
Gerrie, Mary P	\$ 406.07	Sturk, Suzette, Douglas, Edgar	\$ 4,348.43
Grant, Jeffrey R & Michele M	\$ 543.77	Tukey, Colleen	\$ 41.06
Green, Wayne	\$ 273.76	Webster, John G & Sandra	\$ 2,271.15
Guite, Parris A & Pamela	\$ 3,225.48	Willey, Cecil	\$ 670.71
Howe, Michael R Sr.	\$ 1,128.17	Wilson, Betty	\$ 617.59
Hunt, Bob	\$ 1,208.04	Wood, Harvey & Joyce	\$ 1,842.12
Hutchings, Duane	\$ 559.18	Wright, Chester D & Karen S	\$ 632.13
Kenney, Cindy	\$ 327.34		
LaFreniere, Lance J	\$ 1,497.89	TOTAL	\$67,352.47

2008 Unpaid Personal Property Taxes as of December 31, 2008

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Ardito, Ralph	\$ 32.13	Pitney Bowes Global Financial SVS	\$ 3.86
Baloons N Things	\$ 12.85	Rentway, Inc	\$ 24.42
Captain J's	\$ 3.86	Shirley & Lambert Associates	\$ 411.20
Devine Donald A	\$ 44.98	Stilphen, Arthur & Brenda	\$ 91.24
Kennebec Millwork Corp	\$2,377.25	Talbot, Gideon J & Paula	\$ 38.55
Muzak, LLC	\$ 3.86	TOTAL	\$3,044.20

2007 Unpaid Personal Property Taxes as of December 31, 2008

Name	Amount
Captain J's	\$ 3.66
Kennebec Millwork Corp	\$2,258.85
TOTAL	\$2,262.51

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Abatements for 2008 Real Estate

Name	Amount
Allain, Jennifer	\$ 379.14
Bergeron, Martha & Jason	\$ 152.86
Bergeron, Martha & Jason	\$ 161.17
Bergeron, Martha & Jason	\$ 169.62
Curtis, Margot T	\$1,213.67
Digrazia, Phil & Lisa	\$ 34.70
Hanson, Jennifer S	\$ 335.21
Hayes, Edith A	\$ 452.32
Ladd, Jeffrey & Fredonna	\$ 6.43
Poverty Case	\$ 715.28
Poverty Case	\$ 680.01
TOTAL	\$4,300.41

Abatements for 2008 Personal Property

Name	Amount
Foster, Vernon	\$ 51.40
Inergy Propane	\$ 127.22
Informational Lease Corp	\$ 2408.38
Rentway, Inc	\$ 24.07
William Scotsman	\$ 11.41
Stuart, John & Vera	\$ 373.21
VFS Residual Holdings	\$ 60.34
TOTAL	\$ 3,056.03

Supplementals for 2008 Real Estate

Name	Amount
Fontaine, Ted R	\$ 1,538.15
Garboski, Frank & Barbara	\$ 412.49
White, Kevin	\$ 1,213.67
TOTAL	\$ 3,164.31

Supplementals Personal Property

Name	Amount
TOTAL	0.00

Tree Growth Penalties

Name	Amount
Bickford, Roger & Dawn	\$ 245.80
Hilliard, Gary	\$ 2,736.19
Savasuk, Donna V	\$ 979.50
TOTAL	\$ 3,961.49

Town Employees' Wages (Annual)

Town Manager	\$44,096
Selectmen	\$100/\$150 Mo
Town Clerk	\$33,488
Deputy Clerk/Registrar	\$22,880
Treasurer.....	\$37,897
Deputy Clerk/Board Secretary	\$29,432
Maintenance/Sexton.....	\$24,924
Code Enforcement.....	\$18.90 per hour
Fire Personnel.....	FF \$11.55/Chief \$2000
Rescue.....	EMT \$12.00/\$12.50/Chief \$2,000
Librarian	\$14.04/8.82 per hour
Animal Control.....	\$100 per month
Transfer Station Manager	\$12.85 per hour
Road Commissioner.....	Elected
Emergency Management	\$7.50 per hour
Recreation Director	Paid through Alford Center

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Auditor's Report

KEEL J. HOOD

Certified Public Accountant

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

Board of Selectmen
Town of Belgrade
Belgrade, Maine

I have audited the accompanying 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, 2008, 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, 2008, 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.



February 6, 2009

Complete Auditor Report on file in the Belgrade Town Office

Statement 1

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Statement of Net Assets
December 31, 2008

ASSETS	Governmental Activities
Current Assets:	
Cash	\$ 1,062,883
Cash - restricted	515,361
Receivables	
Taxes	378,808
Liens	70,885
Accounts	6,875
Total Current Assets	<u>2,034,812</u>
Noncurrent Assets:	
Capital assets net	7,104,502
Total Assets	<u>9,139,314</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	86,725
Due to trust fund	400
Total Current Liabilities	<u>87,125</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>87,125</u>
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	7,104,502
Restricted	515,361
Unrestricted	1,432,326
Total net assets	<u>\$ 9,052,189</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, 2008

Statement 2

Function/Programs	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenues
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating grants and contributions	Capital grants and contributions	
Governmental activities:	\$				
General government	598,813	27,822			(570,991)
Public safety	168,923	10,504			(158,419)
Public works	464,767	1,800	53,916		(409,051)
Health and sanitation	265,594	44,468			(221,126)
Leisure services	230,508	47,468			(183,040)
Social services	32,238		1,834		(30,404)
Special assessments	4,944,963				(4,944,963)
Unclassified	47,431				(47,431)
Debt service	34,207				(34,207)
Total governmental activities	6,787,444	132,062	55,750	0	(6,599,632)

	Governmental Activities
Net (expense) / revenue	
General revenues:	
Property taxes	5,634,642
Excise taxes	672,166
Interest and costs on taxes	28,630
Intergovernmental:	
State revenue sharing	175,518
Homestead exemption	51,275
Tree growth	9,450
Other towns	24,640
Veterans reimbursement	876
Miscellaneous	30,491
Unrestricted interest	39,664
Restricted interest	14,519
Transfers in from trust fund	36,496
Total general revenues	
And transfers	6,718,367
Change in Net Assets	118,735
Net Assets - beginning	8,933,454
Net Assets - ending	9,052,189

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

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2008

Statement 3

	General Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 1,062,883	\$ 1,062,883
Cash - restricted	515,361	515,361
Receivables		
Taxes	378,808	378,808
Liens	70,885	70,885
Accounts	6,875	6,875
Total Assets	<u>2,034,812</u>	<u>2,034,812</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	86,725	86,725
Due to trust fund	400	400
Deferred property taxes	350,000	350,000
Total Liabilities	<u>437,125</u>	<u>437,125</u>
FUND BALANCES		
Fund Balances		
Reserved:		
Capital purchases	515,361	515,361
Unreserved:		
Designated for subsequent years		
Revenues	66,961	66,961
Expenditures	385,566	385,566
Undesignated	629,799	629,799
Total Fund Equity	<u>1,597,687</u>	<u>1,597,687</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>\$ 2,034,812</u>	<u>\$ 2,034,812</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.	7,104,502
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-periods expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.	350,000
Net assets of governmental activities	<u>\$ 9,052,189</u>

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

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

	General Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:		
Taxes	\$ 6,316,438	\$ 6,316,438
Intergovernmental	319,309	319,309
Charges for services	122,276	122,276
Interest	54,183	54,183
Miscellaneous	38,477	
Total Revenues	<u>6,850,683</u>	<u>6,812,206</u>
Expenditures:		
Current:		
General government	354,979	354,979
Public safety	168,923	168,923
Public works	522,578	522,578
Health and sanitation	265,594	265,594
Leisure services	230,508	230,508
Social services	32,238	32,238
Special assessments	4,944,963	4,944,963
Unclassified	47,431	47,431
Debt services	76,579	76,579
Total Expenditures	<u>6,643,793</u>	<u>6,643,793</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>206,890</u>	<u>206,890</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)		
Operating Transfers In (Out)	36,496	36,496
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>36,496</u>	<u>36,496</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures And Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>243,386</u>	<u>243,386</u>
Fund Balances - beginning	1,354,301	1,354,301
Fund Balances - ending	<u>\$ 1,597,687</u>	<u>\$ 1,597,687</u>

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

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
 Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues,
 Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
 Of Governmental Funds
 to the Statement of Activities
 For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 243,386
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	57,812
Depreciation expense	(243,835)
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	42,372
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	
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	19,000
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities	\$ 118,735

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Statement 6

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Statement of Net Assets
Fiduciary Fund - Cemeteries
December 31, 2008

	Private Purpose <u>Trust Fund</u>
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 168,622
Investments	656,905
Due from general fund	400
Total Assets	<u>825,927</u>
NET ASSETS	
Held in Trust	825,927
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 825,927</u>

Statement 7

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets
December 31, 2008

	Private Purpose <u>Trust Fund</u>
Additions:	
Investment income	\$ 26,929
Donations	2,700
Total Additions	<u>29,629</u>
Deductions:	
Administration	1,650
Cemetery	2,171
Loss on investments	218,580
Total Deductions	<u>222,401</u>
Change in Net Assets	(192,772)
Operating transfer out	<u>(36,496)</u>
Change in Net Assets After Transfers	(229,268)
Net Assets - beginning	1,055,195
Net Assets - ending	<u>\$ 825,927</u>

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TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Budget Comparison Schedule
General Fund
For the year ended December 31, 2008

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with final budget positive (negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Revenues:	\$	\$	\$	\$
Taxes	6,272,684	6,272,684	6,316,438	43,754
Intergovernmental	316,365	316,365	319,309	2,944
Interest	10,000	10,000	54,183	44,183
Charges for services	108,500	108,500	122,276	13,776
Miscellaneous	26,000	26,000	38,477	12,477
Total revenues	<u>6,733,549</u>	<u>6,733,549</u>	<u>6,850,683</u>	<u>117,134</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	374,047	374,047	354,979	19,068
Public safety	197,944	197,944	168,923	29,021
Public works	809,264	809,264	522,578	286,686
Health and sanitation	258,587	258,587	265,594	(7,007)
Leisure services	236,873	236,873	230,508	6,365
Social services	105,980	105,980	76,579	29,401
Special assessments	4,966,393	4,966,393	4,944,963	21,430
Unclassified	124,125	124,125	47,431	76,694
Debt service	32,434	32,434	32,238	196
Total expenditures	<u>7,105,647</u>	<u>7,105,647</u>	<u>6,643,793</u>	<u>461,854</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under expenditures)	<u>(372,098)</u>	<u>(372,098)</u>	<u>206,890</u>	<u>578,988</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating Transfer In	40,415	40,415	36,496	(3,919)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>40,415</u>	<u>40,415</u>	<u>36,496</u>	<u>(3,919)</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(331,683)</u>	<u>(331,683)</u>	<u>243,386</u>	<u>575,069</u>
Fund Balance - beginning	1,354,301	1,354,301	1,354,301	0
Fund Balance - ending	<u>\$ 1,022,618</u>	<u>\$ 1,022,618</u>	<u>\$ 1,597,687</u>	<u>\$ 575,069</u>

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Annual Property Tax Mil Rate Calculation

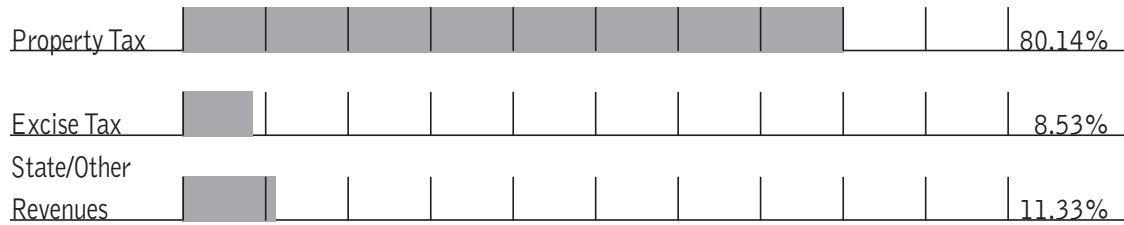
Municipal Budget	
+ Education (MSAD #47)	
+ County	
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=	Total Expenditures
State Revenue Sharing	
+ Road Assistance	
+ All State/Federal Funding	
+ Vehicle & Boat Excise Tax	
+ License/Permit Fees	
+ Town Fees	
+ Other Misc Income	
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=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

2008 Property Tax Calculations

2008 Municipal Property Valuation	=	\$ 442,642,750
Total Revenues Required (School/Municipal/County)	=	\$ 7,012,534
Total Non-property Tax Revenues	=	\$ 1,346,005
\$ 7,012,534 - \$ 1,346,005	=	\$ 5,666,529 (Net Raised Through Taxation)
\$ 5,666,529 + \$ 21,430 (Overlay)	=	\$ 5,687,959 Commitment
\$ 5,687,959 ÷ \$ 442,642,750	=	.01285 Mil Rate
		(\$12.85 per \$1,000 of Valuation)

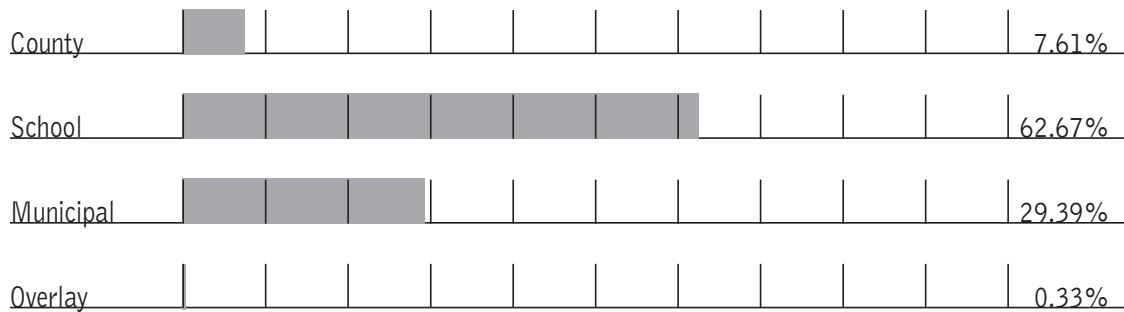
\$\$ The Town's Money \$\$

Where It Comes From

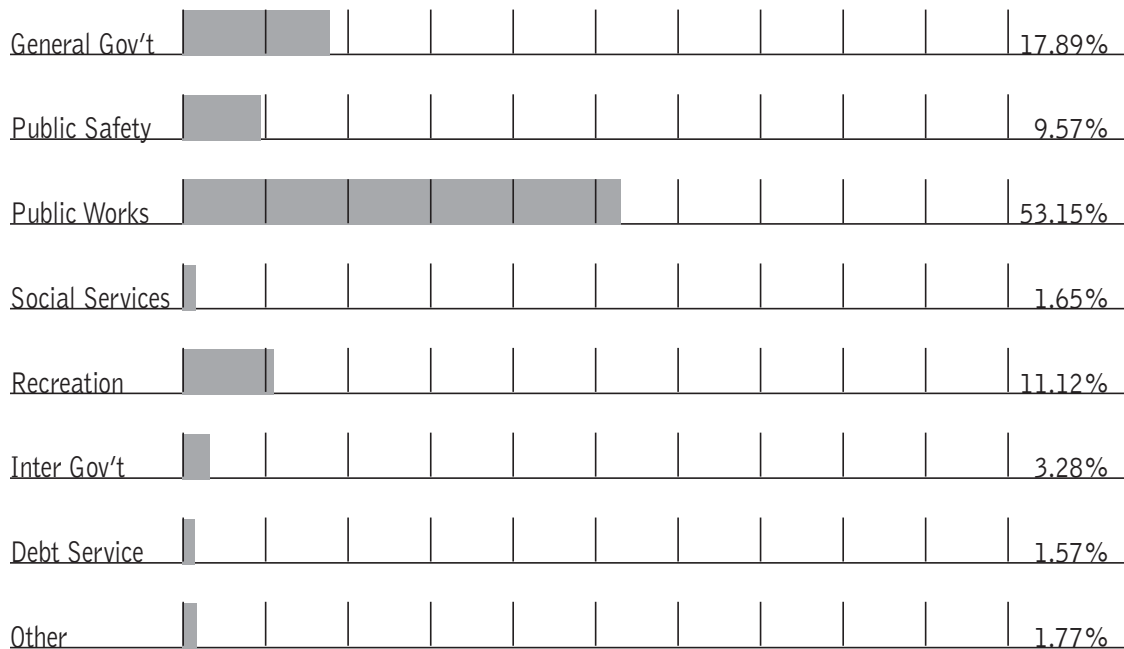


Where It Went in 2008

Analysis of Total Budget by Percentage



Analysis of Municipal Budget by Percentage



Treasurer's Cash Report

Cash Balance, January 1, 2008834,065.44

Receipts:

Prior Years Property Taxes.....	223,769.68
Tax Liens	113,719.03
Accounts Receivable	7,273.54
State Licenses & Registrations.....	386,109.69
Prepaid Property Taxes 2009	2,305.35
2008 Property & Excise Taxes (\$13,655.63/\$2,071.61 refunded)	6,009,070.74
Licenses, Penalties & Fees (\$65.17 refunded).....	86,191.30
State & Local Governments	262,076.89
Recycling and Waste (\$4,422.49 refunded)	48,860.37
Unclassified (\$11,848.30 refunded)	100,670.48
Reserves & Trust Funds	118,940.17
Due to Other Funds.....	3,850.00
Due from Other Funds.....	25,489.26

Total Receipts7,388,326.50

Total Available in 20088,222,391.94

Disbursements:

State Licenses and Registrations.....	387,544.11
Net Payroll Deductions	13,137.82
Accounts Payable - Expenses	1,317.86
Transfers - Due to Other Funds.....	149,720.09
Refunds/Abatements/Overpays (\$18,407.27/\$13,655.63).....	32,062.90
Recoverable Expenses	44,706.47
General Government.....	352,846.38
Public Safety	145,021.44
Public Works	555,715.35
Solid Waste	202,264.18
Social Services.....	33,427.93
Recreation	228,389.71
Special Assessment	4,944,963.24
Inter-Government.....	13,749.12
Debt Service	32,238.25
Unclassified	13,498.00
Trust Funds.....	12,769.26

Total Disbursements.....7,163,372.11

Cash Balance, December 31, 20081,059,019.83

Treasurer's Budgetary Report

Expenditures

Area of Expenditure	Appropriation	Designated from 2007	Actual 2008	Lapse
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Board of Selectpersons	7,455.00		7,104.96	350.04
Emergency Requirements	7,500.00		1,595.24	5,904.76
Administration (adj. PR + \$460.91)	237,202.00		231,014.69	6,187.31
Town Manager (adj. PR + \$1,671.33)	50,558.00		52,423.70	-1,865.70
Assessing	27,100.00		26,066.54	1,033.46
Planning/Appeals Board	2,967.00	1,315.00	5,487.96	-1,205.96
Growth Management	33,000.00	2,800.00	27,823.52	7,976.48
Hearings & Elections	4,150.00		3,462.01	687.99
GENERAL GOVERNMENT TOTALS	369,932.00	4,115.00	354,978.62	19,068.38
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Constable/Civil Emergency (adj. A/P + \$180.00)	1,970.00		830.00	1,140.00
Fire Department (adj. A/P + \$7,201.60)	101,173.00		101,165.12	7.88
Rescue Squad (adj. A/P + \$9,100.00)	39,538.00		34,525.76	5,012.24 *
Code Enforcement	21,513.00		16,023.91	5,489.09
Street Lighting	8,750.00		8,958.25	-208.25
Fire Dept. Capital Reserve (adj. A/P + \$7,420.00)	25,000.00		7,420.00	17,580.00 **
PUBLIC SAFETY TOTALS	197,944.00	0.00	168,923.04	29,020.96
*paid \$5,000 to Rescue Capital Reserve				
**paid to FD Capital Reserve				
PUBLIC WORKS				
Road, General Maintenance	97,815.00	5,000.00	94,228.52	8,586.48 *
Road, Paving	272,438.00		972.47	271,465.53 **
Road, Plowing & Sanding	302,855.00	17,750.00	325,712.84	-5,107.84 ***
Cemeteries (adj. PR + \$393.29)	61,940.00	10,000.00	43,150.73	28,789.27
Landfill Closure	26,146.00		7,034.64	19,111.36
Facility Maintenance Support (adj PR + \$641.69)	87,260.00		85,651.13	1,608.87
Solid Waste Management (adj.. PR + \$118.22)	250,487.00	8,100.00	202,382.40	56,204.60 ****
PUBLIC WORKS TOTALS	1,098,941.00	40,850.00	759,132.73	380,658.27
* Paid to the General Maintenance & Paving Capital Reserve				
**\$252,488/\$1,147 Carried Forward/\$17,830.53 Reserve				
*** Reduced Payment to Reserve Account				
****Paid to S.W. Imp Capital Fund				
SOCIAL SERVICES				
Health Officer	450.00		450.00	0.00
Town Historian	400.00		400.00	0.00
Animal Control	9,526.00		9,259.12	266.88
Memorial Day Ceremony	150.00		165.00	-15.00
Donations	16,214.00		17,714.00	-1,500.00
General Assistance	7,300.00		5,439.81	1,860.19
SOCIAL SERVICES TOTALS	34,040.00	0.00	33,427.93	612.07

Expenditures continued

Area of Expenditure	Appropriation	Designated from 2007	Actual 2008	Lapse
RECREATION				
Recreation Facilities	5,970.00		5,049.71	920.29 *
Center/ Seasons	34,945.00		42,627.22	(7,682.22)*
Center Improvements (Article 39)	20,000.00	5,983.00	15,587.84	10,395.16 *
North Belgrade Community Center	6,820.00		5,607.20	1,212.80 *
NBCC Remediation	30,000.00		33,208.34	(3,208.34)*
Library (adj. PR + \$545.48/A/P + \$56.98)	42,655.00	1,000.00	37,411.86	6,243.14 **
Recreation Programs	89,500.00		89,500.00	0.00
RECREATION TOTALS	229,890.00	6,983.00	228,992.17	7,880.83
*Paid to the Recreation Capital Reserve \$1,637.69				
**Paid to the Library Capital Reserve \$5,243.14				
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS				
MSAD #47	4,409,310.00		4,409,309.98	0.02
Kennebec County	535,653.00		535,653.26	(0.26)
Overlay	23,214.34		0.00	23,214.34
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TOTALS	4,968,177.34	0.00	4,944,963.24	23,214.10
INTER-GOVERNMENT				
Dams	56,000.00	17,735.00	3,249.12	70,485.88 *
Belgrade Tree Committee	2,000.00	2,000.00	600.00	3,400.00
Belgrade Lakes Alliance	9,900.00		9,900.00	0.00
INTER-GOVERNMENT TOTALS	67,900.00	19,735.00	13,749.12	73,885.88
* \$70,485 Carried Forward				
DEBT SERVICE				
TAN Interest	32,434.00		32,238.25	195.75
DEBT SERVICE TOTALS	32,434.00		32,238.25	195.75
UNCLASSIFIED				
Workers & Unemployment Compensation	14,400.00		13,498.00	902.00
UNCLASSIFIED TOTALS	14,400.00		13,498.00	902.00
TRUST FUNDS				
DC Stevens Enrichment Fund	20,800.00		18,943.86	1,856.14
DC Stevens Scholarship Trust	115.00		97.00	18.00
Scholarship/Town Portion	385.00		403.00	(18.00)
R.A. Guptill Historical Trust	790.00		740.00	50.00
TRUST FUND TOTALS	22,090.00		20,183.86	1,906.14
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7,035,748.34	71,683.00	6,570,086.96	537,344.38 **
Total Lapse**		537,344.38		
Total Paid To Reserves		(106,977.60)		
Total Carry Forwards		(380,566.00)		
Total To Surplus		49,800.78		

Revenues

Area of Revenue	Appropriation	Designated from 2007	Actual 2008	Lapse
PROPERTY & EXCISE TAX REVENUE				
2008 Real & Personal Tax	5,638,468.11		5,279,347.18	-359,120.93 *
Homestead Act	51,275.23		51,275.23	0.00
Supplemental	0.00		4,653.55	4,653.55
Abatements	0.00		-8,758.88	-8,758.88
Vehicle Excise	600,000.00		653,820.97	53,820.97
Boat Excise Tax	18,000.00		18,345.30	345.30
PROPERTY & EXCISE TAX TOTALS	6,307,743.34		5,998,683.35	-309,059.99
LICENSES, PENALTIES & FEES				
Interest on Taxes	18,000.00		28,629.74	10,629.74
Town Fee/Vital Statistics	18,000.00		19,431.00	1,431.00
Licenses & Permit Fees	8,000.00		7,843.46	-156.54
Town Ordinances	0.00		40.00	40.00
Cable Franchise Fees	26,000.00		30,145.92	4,145.92
LICENSES PENALTIES AND FEES TOTALS	70,000.00		86,090.12	16,090.12
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENTS				
Municipal Revenue Sharing	175,000.00		189,913.40	14,913.40 **
Local Road Assistance	53,600.00		53,022.00	-578.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	6,400.00		9,450.35	3,050.35
General Assistance Reimbursement	3,650.00		2,440.92	-1,209.08
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	1,000.00		876.00	-124.00
State Grants/Other Funds	800.00		893.78	93.78
Town of Rome	15,120.00		15,120.00	0.00
Town of Oakland	9,520.00		9,520.00	0.00
STATE & LOCAL TOTALS	265,090.00		281,236.45	16,146.45
RECYCLING & WASTE				
Waste Disposal Fees	15,000.00		16,809.20	1,809.20
Recycled Waste Sales	20,000.00		27,658.68	7,658.68
RECYCLING & WASTE TOTALS	35,000.00		44,467.88	9,467.88
UNCLASSIFIED				
Recreational Program Fees	47,500.00		46,638.00	-862.00
Library Fees	0.00		830.00	830.00
Animal Control	0.00		3,026.00	3,026.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00		5,705.92	5,705.92
Investment Income	10,000.00		36,412.88	26,412.88
UNCLASSIFIED TOTALS	57,500.00		92,612.80	35,112.80

Revenues continued

Area of Revenue	Appropriation	Designated from 2007	Actual 2008	Lapse
RESERVES & TRUST FUNDS				
R.A. Gupthill Historical Trust	790.00		740.00	-50.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	18,710.00		16,104.10	-2,605.90
D.C. Stevens Scholarship	115.00		97.00	-18.00
D.C. Stevens Enrichment	20,800.00		18,943.86	-1,856.14
Solid Waste Improvement Fund	10,000.00		10,000.00	0.00
RESERVE & TRUST FUND TOTALS	50,415.00		45,884.96	-4,530.04
GENERAL FUND				
Undesignated	250,000.00		250,000.00	0.00
GENERAL FUND TOTALS	250,000.00		250,000.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES	7,035,748.34	0.00	6,798,975.56	-236,772.78
Total Lapse		-236,772.78		
Add:Accounts Receivable (*2008 Property Tax)		359,125.08 (Includes + \$4.15 Rounding)		
Less: Designated Revenues (**Municipal Revenue Sharing)		-14,913.40		
Total To Surplus		107,438.90		

Reserves and Trust Funds

COMMUNITY CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	30,928.21
Add: Interest to 12-31-08	933.83
Balance 12/31/08	31,862.04

FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	94,970.46
Add: Interest Earned	2,879.53
Appropriation (March 15, 2008)	25,000.00
Total Deposits	27,879.53
Less: Due to General Fund (Repairs)	-7,420.00
Balance 12-31-08	115,429.99

RESCUE CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	44,101.18
Add: Interest Earned	1,335.76
Appropriation (March 15, 2008)	5,000.00
Total Deposits	6,335.76
Balance 12/31/08	50,436.94

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD MAINTENANCE AND PAVING RESERVE

Balance 1/1	43,921.16
Add: Interest Earned	1,337.10
2008 Unexpended to Reserve	21,309.17
Total Deposits	22,646.27
Less: Due to General Fund (Depot Rd RR Xing)	-8,977.79
Balance 12-31-08	57,589.64

SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	37,140.88
Add: Interest Earned	1,119.23
Balance 12-31-08	38,260.11

SOLID WASTE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance 1/1	142,509.20
Add: Interest Earned	4,220.37
2008 Unexpended to Reserve	56,204.60
Total Deposits	60,424.97
Less: Due to General Fund	-73,211.43
Balance 12-31-08	129,722.74

RECREATION CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	47,254.76
Add: Interest Earned	1,427.74
2008 Unxpended to Reserve	1,637.69
Total Deposits	3,065.43
Balance 12-31-08	50,320.19

Reserves and Trust Funds continued

LIBRARY CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	8,087.26
Add: Interest Earned	240.83
Article 39-'08	5,000.00
2008 Unexpended to Reserve	243.14
Total Deposits	5,483.97
Balance 12/31/08	13,571.23

ALICE MARY CRAM TRUST FUND

Balance 1/1	4,625.00
Add: Interest Earned	111.86
Balance 12-31-08	4,736.86

GUY A. YEATON CEMETERY TRUST FUND

Balance 1/1 (Principal 1,000.00/ Interest 2,234.77)	3,397.86
Add: Interest Earned	110.64
Balance 12-31-08	3,508.50

LACROIX CEMETERY TRUST FUND

Balance 1/1 (Principal 10,000/Interest 1,655.66)	12,243.24
Add: Interest Earned	394.64
Balance 12-31-08	12,637.88

CEMETERY WATER CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	2,219.76
Add: Interest Earned	85.43
Balance 12-31-2008	2,305.19

CEMETERY PORTFOLIO

Balance 1/1	347,574.41
Add: Unrealized Gains/Losses	-90,757.25
Income	8,511.50
Transfer 2008 Perpetual Care Payments	2,700.00
Total Deposits	-79,545.75
Less: Agent Fees	-421.41
Transferred to CD	-7,569.16
Transfer Additional Dividends to CD	-2,700.00
Total Deductions	-10,689.57
Balance 12-31-08 (Market Value)	257,339.09

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST EARNINGS

Balance 1/1	121,118.04
Add: Interest Earned	3,960.16
Interest from Portfolio (Includes '07 Amount)	9,602.04
Add'l Dividends from Portfolio	2,700.00
Total Deposits	16,262.20
Less: Due to General Fund (Article 36 '08)	-17,754.10
Balance 12-31-08	119,626.14

Reserves and Trust Funds continued

ROBERT A. GUPTILL HISTORICAL TRUST

Balance 1/1	13,907.40
Add: Interest Earned	451.06
Less: 2007 Contribution	-740.00
Balance 12-31-08	13,618.46

D.C. STEVENS SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

Balance 1/1	2,063.12
Add: Interest Earned	66.96
Less: 2008 Scholarship	-97.00
Balance 12-31-08	2,033.08

D.C. STEVENS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Balance 1/1	20,475.16
Add: Interest Earned	679.80
Interest From Portfolio 2008	15,069.83
Total Deposits	15,749.63
Less: Expended Due to General Fund	-18,943.86
Balance 12-31-08	17,280.93

D.C. STEVENS PORTFOLIO

Balance 1/1	528,527.93
Add: Unrealized Gains/Losses	-130,986.01
Income	14,107.20
Total Deposits	-116,878.81
Less: Agent Fees	-1,750.11
Transfer to CD 2008	-15,069.83
Total Deductions	-16,819.94
Balance 12-31-08	394,829.18

Proposed Municipal Budget for 2009

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

Area of Expenditure	2009(P)	2008	2007	2006
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Board of Selectpersons	14,955.00	14,955.00	14,955.00	14,805.00
Administration	259,187.00	237,202.00	209,350.00	199,767.00
Town Manager	54,016.00	50,558.00	48,903.00	54,365.00
Assessing/Review	27,700.00	27,100.00	22,200.00	21,300.00
Board of Appeals (Separated '09 from Planning Brd)	2,322.00	2,967.00	2,967.00	2,967.00
Planning Board	6,202.00			
Growth Management	82,319.00	33,000.00	0.00	0.00
Hearings & Elections	11,550.00	10,650.00	3,830.00	3,450.00
General Government Totals	458,251.00	376,432.00	302,205.00	296,654.00
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Constable/Civil Emergency	1,970.00	1,970.00	1,780.00	1,280.00
Fire Department	144,499.00	111,929.00	67,161.00	52,380.00
Fire Dept. Capital Reserve	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	20,000.00
Rescue Squad	34,538.00	34,538.00	21,622.00	19,822.00
Rescue Capital Reserve	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Code Enforcement	42,421.00	21,513.00	14,342.00	12,067.00
Street Lighting	8,900.00	8,750.00	8,500.00	8,100.00
Public Safety Totals	262,328.00	208,700.00	142,405.00	117,649.00
PUBLIC WORKS				
Roads, General Maintenance	107,597.00	97,815.00	97,815.00	94,965.00
West Rd Reclaim (2.2mi '06)	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,050.00
Road Salt Contamination	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Roads, Paving	285,978.00	293,488.00	139,706.00	139,705.00
Widen Dunn Rd. '06/West Rd	0.00	0.00	24,000.00	24,000.00
Roads, Plowing & Sanding	393,314.00	320,605.00	304,572.00	300,998.00
Solid Waste Management*	229,417.00	250,487.00	354,684.00	250,894.00
Cemetery	36,570.00	61,940.00	64,558.00	0.00
Landfill Closure	6,146.00	26,146.00	12,732.00	22,732.00
Facilities Maintenance Support	73,833.00	87,260.00	13,521.00	10,834.00
Public Works Totals	1,132,855.00	1,137,741.00	1,011,588.00	877,178.00
* Includes Recycling				
SOCIAL SERVICES				
Health Officer	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00
Town Historian	400.00	400.00	400.00	300.00
Animal Control	10,035.00	9,526.00	8,474.00	6,623.00
General Assistance	7,300.00	7,300.00	7,300.00	7,300.00
Memorial Day	200.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Donations	16,059.00	17,389.00	16,764.00	14,668.00
Town Fuel Fund	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cemeteries	0.00	0.00	0.00	44,083.00
Cemeteries (Equip Upgrade & Maint)	0.00	0.00	0.00	35,340.00
Social Services Totals	39,444.00	35,215.00	33,538.00	108,914.00

Proposed Municipal Budget for 2009 continued

Area of Expenditure	2009(P)	2008	2007	2006
RECREATION				
Recreation Facilities	7,070.00	5,970.00	5,050.00	5,055.00
The Center for All Seasons	54,925.00	54,945.00	52,052.00	76,171.00
CFAS-Capital Maintenance Project	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	22,200.00
North Belgrade Community Center	21,425.00	36,820.00	5,255.00	3,635.00
Library	41,320.00	37,655.00	34,434.00	31,286.00
Library Capital Reserve	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Recreation Programs	89,500.00	89,500.00	77,500.00	41,476.00
Recreation Totals	219,240.00	229,890.00	181,291.00	179,823.00
INTER-GOVERNMENT				
Belgrade Lakes Conservation (2 Articles)	9,900.00	9,900.00	9,900.00	9,250.00
Dams	10,000.00	56,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Belgrade Tree Committee	4,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Inter-Government Totals	23,900.00	67,900.00	21,900.00	19,250.00
DEBT SERVICE				
Tax Anticipation Note (Interest)	46,987.00	56,767.00	50,665.00	34,905.00
Debt Service Totals	46,987.00	56,767.00	50,665.00	34,905.00
UNCLASSIFIED				
Workers Compensation	8,181.00	8,900.00	9,250.00	12,893.00
Unemployment Compensation	5,150.00	5,500.00	5,381.00	5,157.00
Unclassified Totals	13,331.00	14,400.00	14,631.00	18,050.00
TRUST FUNDS				
D.C. Stevens Enrichment	15,200.00	20,800.00	20,800.00	18,700.00
D.C. Stevens Scholarship (2 Articles)	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
R.A. Guptill	440.00	790.00	575.00	380.00
Trust Funds Totals	16,140.00	22,090.00	21,875.00	19,580.00
Total Municipal Requirements	2,212,476.00	2,149,135.00	1,780,098.00	1,672,003.00
COUNTY & SCHOOL DISTRICT				
Kennebec County	541,153.00	535,135.00	546,577.00	465,056.00
SAD #47*	4,728,295.00	4,373,875.00	4,220,923.00	4,035,134.00
County & School Totals	5,269,448.00	4,909,010.00	4,767,500.00	4,500,190.00
GRAND TOTALS	7,481,924.00	7,058,145.00	6,547,598.00	6,172,193.00
*Projected				

Proposed Municipal Budget for 2009 continued

Area of Revenue	2009(P)	2008	2007	2006
TAXES, LICENSES & PERMITS				
Vehicle Excise Taxes	590,000.00	600,000.00	600,000.00	575,000.00
Boat Excise Taxes	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	17,000.00
Town Fees/Vital Statistics	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	17,500.00
Licenses and Permit Fees	5,000.00	8,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Interest and Cost Fees	22,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
Total Taxes, Licenses & Permits	653,000.00	662,000.00	664,000.00	637,500.00
STATE FUNDS				
Municipal Revenue Sharing	160,000.00	175,000.00	175,000.00	180,000.00
Local Road Assistance	53,600.00	53,600.00	53,600.00	50,500.00
Tree Growth Reimbursements	7,500.00	6,400.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
General Assistance Reimbursement	3,650.00	3,650.00	3,650.00	3,650.00
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	800.00	1,000.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Other State Grants and Funds	800.00	800.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
Total State Funds	226,350.00	240,450.00	242,050.00	243,950.00
OTHER				
Cable Fees	35,000.00	26,000.00	30,000.00	20,000.00
Investments	15,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	7,500.00
Recreational Program Fees	47,500.00	47,500.00	47,500.00	47,500.00
Waste Disposal Fees	14,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.00
Recycled Waste Sales	2,500.00	20,000.00	10,000.00	4,200.00
Total Other	114,000.00	118,500.00	97,500.00	79,200.00
RESERVES AND TRUST FUNDS				
Road Maintenance Capital Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,000.00
Community Capital Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
R.A. Guptill Historical Trust	440.00	790.00	575.00	380.00
Solid Waste Capital Reserve	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Recreation Capital Reserve	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	22,200.00
D.C. Stevens Scholarship	50.00	115.00	165.00	65.00
D.C. Stevens Enrichment	15,200.00	20,800.00	20,800.00	18,700.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	13,910.00	18,710.00	26,361.00	25,568.00
Cemetery Perp Care Add'l Maint (2Art 06)	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,000.00
Total Reserves and Trust Funds	29,600.00	50,415.00	49,901.00	118,913.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL				
Town of Rome	2,700.00	15,120.00	2,700.00	2,700.00
Town of Oakland	1,700.00	9,520.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
Total Intergovernmental	4,400.00	24,640.00	4,400.00	4,400.00
FUND BALANCES				
Undesignated	0.00	250,000.00	200,000.00	150,000.00
Total Fund Balances	0.00	250,000.00	200,000.00	150,000.00
Total Non-Property Tax Revenues	1,027,350.00	1,346,005.00	1,257,851.00	1,233,963.00
Net Property Tax Requirement*	6,454,574.00	5,712,140.00	5,289,747.00	4,938,230.00
TOTAL REVENUES	7,481,924.00	7,058,145.00	6,547,598.00	6,172,193.00

*Projected

Town of Belgrade 2009 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 20th, 2009 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 12. 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 21st, 2009, at 1:00 P.M., to act on Article 13 to the end of the Warrant. In the event of inclement weather, a date of Monday, March 23, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., has been set, with the inhabitants of the Town of Belgrade to assemble and act on Article 13 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):

Two Selectpersons-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 Transfer Station and Recycling Ordinance" that authorizes the Town to take enforcement actions against the illegal disposal of certain wastes within the town boundaries?

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

ARTICLE 4 To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$140,425 to support the Recreation budget.

Center for All Seasons\$50,925

Recreational Programs.....\$89,500

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0

ARTICLE 5 To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,320 to support the Library budget.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0

ARTICLE 6 To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$4,500 to support the Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group's July 4th celebration.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0

ARTICLE 7 To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to support the Belgrade Regional Health Center.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0

- ARTICLE 8** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$2,400 to support the Children's Center.
Selectpersons Recommend: For: 3 Against: 2
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 1 Against: 4
- ARTICLE 9** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to support the Kennebec Behavioral Health.
Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 2 Against: 3
- ARTICLE 10** To proceed with the voting by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to support the Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area.
Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0
- ARTICLE 11** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$2,041 to support Spectrum Generations.
Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 1
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0
- ARTICLE 12** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$1,118 to support Sexual Assault & Crisis Support Center.
Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 1
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 4 Against: 1

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

- ARTICLE 13** 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 2009 between January 1, 2010 and the date of the regular 2010 Town Meeting.
 - To sell and convey tax acquired property, real estate, or personal property belonging to the Town *to the highest acceptable bidder submitting sealed competitive bids to be opened in public at an announced time, or in any other manner the Board determines to be in the best interest of the Town.* (Pursuant to Title 36M RSA 1074)
 - To, as trustees for the Town of Belgrade, if necessary, spend money from reserve accounts for a project or item falling within the scope of those accounts to meet unanticipated expenses. *This authorization to remain in effect until changed by a future vote by the Town of Belgrade.*
- Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0**

ARTICLE 14 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 proceeds 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 \$157,239.66.
- Vote to set Friday October 16, 2009 as the date that the 2009 property taxes are due, and charge interest at the rate of 7% per annum on taxes paid after October 16, 2009, 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% per annum from the date of the tax payment to the date the abated amount is refunded to the taxpayer.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0

ARTICLE 15 To see if the Town will raise the level of expenditure required to be advertised through its Request for Proposal process from its current level of \$5,000 (established by warrant article # 14, as amended, at the 1990 Town Meeting) to \$10,000.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 3 Against: 2

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0

ARTICLE 16 To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectpersons to investigate changing the Town's Fiscal Year from its current Calendar Year (Jan. 1 to Dec. 31) to the State Fiscal Year (July 1 to June 30), with an analysis showing how this change would affect the Town.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

ARTICLE 17 To see if the Town will authorize the following accounts be carried forward to the current year:

Admin	\$ 2,420
Growth Management.....	2,626
Paving.....	252,488
Stevens Rd (Calcium Chloride)	1,147
Chandler Rd (Landfill Remediation)	19,100
Cemetery.....	27,900
Library (sound barrier wall).....	1,000
Dams	70,485
Tree Committee.....	3,400
Total Carry Forward	\$380,566

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0

ARTICLE 18 To see if the Town will appropriate revenues from the following sources in 2009 to reduce the 2009 Property Tax Commitment:

	<u>2009</u>
Vehicle Excise Tax.....	\$590,000
License/Permit Fees	5,000
Town Fees	18,000
Boat Excise	18,000
Recycling Revenues	2,500
Waste Disposal Fees '09.....	14,000
Interest & Cost Fees.....	22,000
Cable Franchise Fees	35,000
Investment Income	15,000
Recreation Revenues	<u>47,500</u>
Total.....	\$ 767,000

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0

ARTICLE 19 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$383,251 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
Board of Appeals.....	2,322
Administration:	\$ 259,187
(Town Office Operations, Maintenance, Admin Support, Wages & Benefits)	
Town Manager: (Salary \$44,863)	\$ 54,016
Assessing/Review:	\$ 27,700
Planning Board:	\$ 6,202
Growth Management (KVCOG Dues)	\$ 7,319
Hearings/Elections:	<u>\$ 11,550</u>
Total Article	\$ 383,251

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 4 Against: 0

ARTICLE 20 To proceed with the voting on the following question: Shall the Town of Belgrade raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for the purpose of moving forward with the design, engineering, licensing, permitting, public education, and further financial analysis necessary to proceed with the planning required prior to the final design and construction of a proposed multipurpose municipal facility. Funding for the final design and construction costs of the proposed facility will be subject to approval by the Town of Belgrade through a referendum vote.

Note: This warrant article is the next step to lead to the proposed construction of a multipurpose facility from the conceptual design authorized by Article 27 of the March 15, 2008 Town Meeting. The proposed 16,110 square foot facility will be located on Depot Road next to the Belgrade Central School and will include a combined Town Office, Library, Heritage Center and Food Pantry. The building had been designed to meet the needs of the Town for the next 25 years and is estimated to cost approximately \$4,000,000. It is estimated that the Town would need to fund \$2,500,000 and the remainder of the facility costs would come from donations, grants, in-kind services, and fundraising by the Friends of the Belgrade Public Library and other organizations involved in this project. The Town could also use any proceeds from the sale of the current Town Office to reduce the amount to be bonded for this project.

If the Town bonded \$2,500,000 for a 20 year term at a 4.5% interest rate, the highest annual cost to the Town would be in the first full year of the bond and would amount to \$245,718. This amount would increase the 2008 mil rate from 12.85 to 13.41 or \$0.56 per \$1,000 of property evaluation. The property tax for a \$100,000 home would increase \$56.00. The annual debt service would decrease each year as the bond principal balance decreases. The annual average debt service over the life of the bond would be \$193,800 over the maturity of the bond. Based upon the average debt service, the effect on the mil rate, calculated at the current Town valuation would be \$0.44 per \$1,000 in property value.

The \$75,000 requested would represent an incremental increase of \$0.171 per \$1,000 of valuation.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 1

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 3 Against: 2

ARTICLE 21 Should Article 20 pass, to see if the Town will authorize the hiring of the architectural firm of Reed & Company Architecture for the design and engineering phase for a proposed multipurpose municipal facility which will house the Belgrade Public Library, Belgrade Town Office, Belgrade Food Pantry and the Belgrade Historical Society.

Note: Reed & Company Architecture was the architectural firm hired by the Town to do the 25 year space needs analysis, and to provide the conceptual design for the proposed multi purpose municipal facility. The fees paid for the final design and engineering services will be negotiated and must be fair and competitive. It is believed that the continued use of the firm will save the Town money and will create the continuity of the process which will result in the best possible quality for the project.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 1

ARTICLE 22 To see if the Town will authorize the establishment of a Municipal Building Capital Reserve Account for the purpose of accepting donations, grants, or other gifts to be used to offset the costs of a proposed multipurpose municipal facility.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 1

ARTICLE 23 To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectperson to select donations, if any, which are made for the purpose of naming the new multipurpose municipal facility, rooms, or portions of rooms or structures within the proposed multipurpose municipal facility with the donated money to be placed in the Municipal Building Capital Reserve account.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 3 Against: 2

ARTICLE 24 To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectpersons to sell or trade any donated stocks, securities or other non-cash assets, including real estate, and apply the proceeds to the Municipal Building Capital Reserve Account for the payment of costs associated with the construction of a proposed multipurpose municipal facility.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 1

ARTICLE 25 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$33,243 to support the cost of heat, lights and upkeep of recreational facilities for all of 2009. (Article 25 is required if Article 4 is defeated.)

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0

ARTICLE 26 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$9,032 to support the cost of salaries until 03-31-09 for the library, which includes any maintenance required for the whole of 2009. (Article 26 is required if Article 5 is defeated.)

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0

ARTICLE 27 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$36,682 to support the maintenance costs for the Center for all Seasons. (Article 27 is required if Article 4 is defeated and Article 5 passes.)

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0

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

ARTICLE 28 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$203,268 to support the following Divisions of the Public Safety Department:

Public Information Officer	\$ 970
Contracted Law Enforcement	1,000
Fire Department Operations	85,439
Fire Capital Reserve	25,000
Rescue Department.....	34,538
Rescue Capital Reserve.....	5,000
Code Enforcement Officer	42,421
Municipal Streetlights.....	8,900
Total Article.....	\$203,268

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0

ARTICLE 29 To see what sum of money the Town will raise and/or appropriate to support the Public Safety Answering Point. (Estimates: call answering \$5,212, dispatch services \$7,445, and rural dispatch \$16,403).

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0

ARTICLE 30 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for completion of the parking lot at the Lakes Station.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 1

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0

ARTICLE 31 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to repair the ceiling and purchase new windows for the North Belgrade Fire Station.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0

ARTICLE 32 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to replace current radios with narrow band radios.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0

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

ARTICLE 33 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$476,211 for general maintenance, plowing, sanding and RFP advertising 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:	\$107,597
Plow & Sand:.....	234,606
Fuel Surcharge.....	3,000
Sand & Salt:.....	130,408
Paving Advertisement.....	300
Plow & Sand Advertisement	<u>300</u>
Total Article:	\$476,211

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0

ARTICLE 34 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to conduct a study for the purpose of building a sand and salt shed with any unexpended balance to lapse back into the Public Works Road Maintenance and Paving Capital Reserve Account:

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0

ARTICLE 35 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$59,047 as an additional amount to the 2008 carry forward of \$252,488 for paving 2.04 miles of the McGrath Pond Road as follows, with any unexpended balance to lapse back into the Public Works Road Maintenance and Paving Capital Reserve Account:

	Carry Forward	New Article	Total Required
Grading Shoulders	\$ 17,000	\$ 850	\$ 17,850
Reclaim:	42,240	2,112	44,352
Paving:	<u>193,248</u>	<u>56,085</u>	<u>249,333</u>
Totals	\$252,488	\$59,047	\$311,535

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0

ARTICLE 36 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$190,892 for paving 1.25 miles of the Depot Road as follows, with any unexpended balance to lapse back into the Public Works Road Maintenance Capital Reserve:

Grading Shoulders:	\$ 10,938
Reclaim:.....	27,176
Paving:	<u>152,778</u>
Total Article	\$190,892

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 4 Against: 1

ARTICLE 37 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$35,739 for repairs to the following roads, with any unexpended balance to lapse back into the Public Works Road Maintenance and Paving Capital Reserve Account:

Warren Hill Rd. (Pave 0.20 miles).....	\$ 14,667
West Road (Crack seal) 2.40 miles)	15,000
Minot Hill Rd. (Crack seal 1.00 miles)	<u>6,072</u>
Total Article:	\$ 35,739

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0 Absent: 1

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0

ARTICLE 38 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$235,563 to support the additional Public Works Divisions as follows, with any unexpended balance lapsing into the Solid Waste Capital Improvement Fund:

Solid Waste Operations:..... \$229,417
Landfill Monitoring:
(Note: These monies are required by the
State for the purpose of testing requirements).....6,146
Total..... \$235,563

Select Persons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0

ARTICLE 39 To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectpersons to establish wage scales for its Transfer Station, Recycling Facility and Road Maintenance employees. (This article would change the practice of using state rates established by the 1970 Town Meeting warrant article # 42)

Select Persons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 4 Against: 1

ARTICLE 40 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, 2009.

General Information:

- a) The road's length is 0.6 miles
- b) The road serves 15 house lots (9 Developed-4 Undeveloped-2 In progress)
- c) Total 2008 taxes paid by the subdivision lots: \$17,932.19
(Note: 29.40% or \$5,286.41 is available for municipal expenses)
- d) Additional development-6 lots-2 with construction under way.
- e) Projected increase in plowing and sanding: \$4,395
- f) Projected annual increase for paving per 12 yr plan: \$4,356

Select Persons Recommend: For: 1 Against: 3 Absent: 1

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 0 Against: 5

ARTICLE 41 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$48,833 to support Town Facility Maintenance:

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 1

ARTICLE 42 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to build a garage in which to keep the municipal truck, house the cemetery water system and provide space for equipment maintenance.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0

ARTICLE 43 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of purchasing a 2000 gallon bulk fuel tank to offset the price of fuel purchased for use by the Town.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0

ARTICLE 44 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$22,660 and appropriate \$13,910 from Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust earnings for a total of \$36,570 to support costs of operation and maintenance of Belgrade cemeteries for 2008. Itemized requirements are as follows:

Personnel Wages & Benefits.....	\$20,230
Services & Contracts.....	1,990
Supplies & Materials.....	7,100
Capital Outlay, Land & Equipment	7,000
Advertising.....	<u>250</u>
Total.....	\$36,570

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0

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

ARTICLE 45 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$18,385 as compensation and support for the following Social Service Divisions:

Health Officer: (Stipend & Travel).....	\$ 450
Town Historian:	400
Animal Control Officer:.....	10,035
General Assistance:.....	7,300
Memorial Day:	<u>200</u>
Total Article:	\$18,385

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0

ARTICLE 46 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 it's pro rata share of related expenses.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0

Note: The Revenue donated to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of Maine for the 2008 tax year is as follows:

Boy Scouts of America.....	\$ 1,853.57
Girl Scouts of Maine	<u>1,241.71</u>
Total.....	\$ 3,095.28

ARTICLE 47 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$5,000 to be placed in the "Town of Belgrade Emergency Heating Assistance Fund" with these funds and any other money(or other resources) donated to the fund to be used pursuant to guidelines established by the Board of Selectpersons on August 6th, 2008.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 4 Against: 1

ARTICLE 48 To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectpersons to enter into an agreement with the Belgrade-Rome Special Needs Food Pantry for the use of space (approximately 520 square feet) in the Town Office on terms and conditions that it deems are in the best interest of the Town.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

*****RECREATION*****

ARTICLE 49 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$13,495 for the operations of the following divisions of the Recreation Department:

All Town facilities excluding Center For All Seasons\$ 7,070
North Belgrade Com. Center:6,425
Total Article: \$ 13,495

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0

ARTICLE 50 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to maintain and repair the CFAS outside bathrooms and cottage.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0

ARTICLE 51 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the Library Capital Reserve for a future larger, centrally located library.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 4 Against: 1

ARTICLE 52 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to replace the roof on the North Belgrade Community Center.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0

ARTICLE 53 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 Snowmobile Trails.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0

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

ARTICLE 54 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$5,600 as Belgrade's share of 2009 operating/maintenance costs of the region's three dams - Belgrade Lakes, Wings Mills, and Salmon Lake. Total projected cost in 2009 equals \$10,000 (Rome's share = \$2,700 and Oakland's share = \$1,700).

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0

ARTICLE 55 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$13,900 to support the following entities:

Belgrade Tree Committee:\$ 4,000
Belgrade Lakes Conservation Corp:.....6,800
Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance3,100
Total Article:\$13,900

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0

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

ARTICLE 56 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$46,987 to pay interest charges and costs associated with the Tax Anticipation Note in 2009.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0

***** UNCLASSIFIED *****

ARTICLE 57 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$13,331 to pay Workers and Unemployment Compensation premiums for all municipal employees.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0

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

ARTICLE 58 To see if the Town will authorize, designate or release the collective sum of \$15,690 as dictated by the following trusts and funds:

Authorize use of DC Stevens Fund Interest:.....	\$ 15,200
Designate the DC Stevens Scholarship Interest:	50
Release the Robert A Guptill Historical Fund Interest:.....	<u>440</u>
Total Article:	\$ 15,690

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: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

ARTICLE 59 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate an amount up to \$450 to supplement the Don C. Stevens Scholarship to equal \$500.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0


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

ARTICLE 60 To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$711,198.65 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.

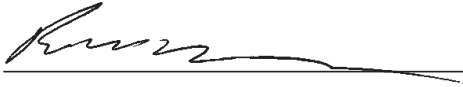
Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0

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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, North Belgrade Country Store, and the Town Office, the same being public and conspicuous places within the said Town of Belgrade on the 12th day of March, 2009



Jeremy Damren, Public Information Officer



Upper Right: *Town Hall*



Center Right: *With George*

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