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TOWN OF BELGRADE



*Honoring: The Belgrade Boy Scouts and Belgrade Girl Scouts
and the Belgrade Transfer Facility and Recycling Center Staff*

Town of Belgrade



2009
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 2009

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Annual Report Dedication to the Belgrade Boy Scouts and Belgrade Girl Scouts and the Belgrade Transfer Facility and Recycling Center Staff

This annual report is being dedicated to the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and our Transfer Facility and Recycling Staff to thank and recognize the work that they do. Since the opening of the Belgrade Transfer Facility and Recycling Center the Town has been actively working to meet the statewide goal for recycling of 50% of our municipal solid waste. This is important because of the benefit it has for future generations in terms of reduced environmental impacts and resource savings, as well as the significant savings to our municipal budget. From the beginning the local Boy Scouts have assisted the town in this effort, aided more recently by the help from the Girl Scouts. According to reports from the Maine State Planning Office, we have moved our recycling percentage from 32.5% in 1992 to 45.6% in 2008. Once 2009's rates have been calculated we should be even closer to the goal of 50%.

So, you may ask, "How have these efforts affected our budget? During the period of January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2009 we received recycling revenue of approximately \$64,000 recycling approximately 850 tons of materials. At the same time we avoided the disposal costs of these 850 tons. Using a disposal cost per ton of approximately \$81 equates to \$68,850 of avoided costs or costs that we did not have to pay because the material was recycled. Overall the combined benefit to the town due to recycling efforts over the last three years was roughly \$133,000. While the benefits of recycling vary from year to year depending on disposal costs and recycled material prices...to say that recycling provides an environmental benefit is one thing, but to say that recycling is fiscally prudent is an understatement.

As those involved continue to remind us, RECYCLING SAVES! If you are not currently recycling, please join the effort! Doing so will not only help to preserve our environment and natural resources, but it will also save the town money. For more information, contact the Town Office or ask at the Transfer Facility and Recycling Center.

Cover Photo

Girls Scouts

Front: Sarah Cormier, Katelyn Clewley, Alexis Palleschi

Back: Hailey Palleschi, Gabrielle Veilleux, Alisha Biddle

Holding the Banner in Front: Alex Miller

Then left to right, Ziggy Streznewski, Richard Cormier, Cam Wight, Aden Birch, Robert Klein, Brad Bickford,
and in the back, Matt LaRou, and Bob Heath, Scoutmaster

In Memory of Samuel Carson Leigh

Major Samuel Carson Leigh (USMC) died while on a training mission off Camp Pendleton, California on October 29, 2009.

Born in Waterville on January 9, 1974, Major Leigh and his family had lived in Jackman, Machias, Lincoln and Farmington before moving to Belgrade in 1987. He graduated from Messalonskee High School in 1992. While in high school, he was a member of the soccer team for four years and co-captain his senior year. Also, he played lacrosse, was a member of student council, was selected for Dirigo Boys State and was a member of the debate team.

Known both as 'Sam' and 'Carson' to some, Major Leigh graduated from Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont, and upon graduation in 1996 was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps. He successfully completed flight school in Pensacola, Florida. He saw two tours of duty in Iraq and was stationed for times in Okinawa, Guam, South Korea, Atlanta and San Diego.



The family wishes to thank all of the hundreds of Maine citizens who attended memorial services for Sam on Veterans' Day and for the generosity in establishing a scholarship fund in his name at Messalonskee.

In Memory of Joyce Gagne



Joyce Gagne was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She made everyone she met feel like family. Her love of life and positive attitude inspired many.

Joyce was a leader in the business community, a partner to her husband Pete in running Gagne & Son/Gagne Fuel Oil for over 45 years. In addition to her business accomplishments, Joyce was a civic minded woman whose generosity and kindness touched more than anyone will ever know. She was especially proud of her Franco/American heritage, becoming co-chairperson of the Calumet Club's Festival de la Bastille in 2006 and 2008.

A woman of true faith, with an infectious laugh and beautiful smile. She will forever be missed by all.

In Memory of Sylvia Amon

Sylvia Amon was born and raised in Massachusetts. In 1963, she moved to Waterville, Maine with her husband, the late Richard Amon, and two children, Rick and Joan. She never looked back. In 1964, they bought a group of undeveloped lots in Lynch Cove on Long Pond. One lot was intended for a summer camp, and the rest were to stay wild and in their natural state. Sylvia loved the great outdoors and the changing of the seasons.

She loved sharing her love of the area, and as expressed in the following work written by Sylvia, there was no place that she would rather be than Belgrade Lakes, Maine.

“THE COVE”

There is a special place in Central Maine that year-rounders call “The Cove.” It means many things to many people, but for me it is The Healing Place.

We have lived here since the ‘60’s and have seen many changes in the area, but the Cove itself is unchanging. I call it The Healing Place, for through the years many of us have experienced life threatening health issues; once we are back in the Cove, healing begins as Mother Nature sends soft caressing breezes to uplift our soul.

In traveling the world, I have discovered The Healing Place is the best of all to comfort and refresh us from the frantic pace of running hither and yon, that we think is so necessary to our lives. The Cove brings us back to where we should be.

Life in this special place is both calming and exciting. The view of the lake and hills is ever-changing with the seasons, the sunrise and sunset. Summer finds us joined by the creatures of the forest, along with many, many birds and the wide array of wild flowers.

Summer also brings with it a special healing quality all its own with the lake warming itself from the sun’s rays, allowing us to use the waters as they calm and enfold us, as we leisurely join with loons and ducks to find the soul of the lake as it works its magic within us. Midnight finds us in the arms of the lake, being watched over by a full moon and sparkling stars as we are one with this special place in the Cove.

There is a change in the pace of the wildlife as the air cools and the season is slowly changing. But for me the crisp air, vivid blue sky and brilliant colors that surround me cause me to wonder and give thanks once again for the privilege of being able to witness this spectacular display of Mother Nature’s finest dress, which both invigorates and consoles us for the lack of color in the season to come.

Winter’s sounds of silence are deafening except for the groaning of the lake as it tries to escape the freezing of its waters. But the softly falling snow gives the lake a benediction with a promise that this too shall pass and we will see spring in all it’s wonders again.

We can see the reflection of the clouds in the water that is quickly freeing from winter’s frozen grip, creating sounds like glasses clinking in celebration of the event. The trees sprout their many shades of green as buds begin to burst forth along with the spring song of the birds. They are joined by the call of the loons. We watch as the geese wing their way back to their special place.

Once again our spirit is renewed and refreshed with each season from the soul of this Cove, this healing place.

© Sylvia Amon 2003



The Town of Belgrade owes a great deal to people such as Sylvia Amon and for Joyce Gagne for all of the volunteer work that they did to create a better community for all of us.

Reference Numbers

Belgrade Town Office

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

Town Manager

Dennis L. Keschl..... 495-2258 (W), 592-6031 (C)

Fire Wardens - Burning Permits

Dan McKenzie.....465-4472 (H)
Mark Day.....495-3840 (H)
Ed Ketch, Jr.....495-3861 (H), 242-7727 (C)
Bruce Plourd495-2163 (H)
Bruce Galouch242-7570 (C)

Emergency Management Director

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

Center for All Seasons

Jessica Moore, Director.....495-3481

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 Ross 495-2258 (W), 441-7121 (C)

Civil Constable

Jeremy Damren495-2258 (W)

Transfer Station495-3326

Belgrade Central School495-2321

RSU No. 18 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.

General Assistance

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 - 11:00 am at the Town Office.

495-2258

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 Jill Hanson: 495-2011

Belgrade Lakes Post Office

Postmaster Dexter Bridges: 495-2064

Voting and Town Meetings:

Take place at the Center for All Seasons - 1 Center Drive, Belgrade, Maine 04917

Local Businesses

Hammond Lumber Company
PO Box 500
Belgrade, ME 04917
495-3303

Gagne & Son Concrete Blocks
28 Old Route 27
Belgrade, ME 04917
495-3313

Tukey Brothers, Inc.
480 Smithfield Road
Belgrade, ME 04917
465-3570

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 Oakland Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

Dick's Electric 465-4515
18 Kayak Lane, 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, Pulbing & Heating 495-2942
976 Wings Mills Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

Paul Hanna 495-3805
555 Augusta Road

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 Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

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

Building & Carpentry Contractors

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

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

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

Perry Biegon 441-6058
30 Country Lane, Belgrade, ME 04917

Stevens Property Management, Paul Stevens 861-2545
478 Smithfield Road, 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 314-0451
P O Box 419, Belgrade, ME 04917

David Willard 649-4755
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 495-2913
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 Drive, 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

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..... 831-7053
P O Box 407, Belgrade, ME 04917

Homstead Property Management, Jacob Homstead..... 458-5698
5 Parlin Drive, Belgrade, ME 04917

Native Notions, Matt Gauthier..... 314-9538
213 West Road, Belgrade, ME 04917

Signs/Banners

OMNIgraphique Designers, Jeff Cook..... 465-9494
853 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Oakland, ME 04963

Laser Engraving

Olympic Award & Recognition..... 465-2600
857 Kennedy Memorial Drive, 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
Thomas Tracy..... Cell 522-8145
82 Mercer Road, Rome, ME 04963

Propane Service

Edward Poulin 441-1574
Appliance & Installation Service
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 649-4755
15 Buck Ridge Drive, Belgrade, ME 04917

Surveyors

Coffin Engineering & Surveying, Kane Coffin 1-800-244-9475
432 Cony Road, Augusta, ME 04330

Carey Land Surveyor, Greg Carey 873-2613
27 Sterling Street, Waterville, ME 04917

Thayer Engineering, Elliot Thayer..... 582-7762
5 Hasson Street, Farmingdale, ME 04344

Rowe & Wendell Engineering & Surveying 873-5808
179 Main Street, Waterville, ME 04917

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

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

Physical Therapy

Dockside Physical Therapy..... 495-3195
47 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918

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

2,668

Schools

Belgrade Central School (K-5), Belgrade

Messalonskee Middle School, Oakland

Messalonskee High School, Oakland

All schools are part of RSU #18

Churches

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

Union Methodist Church - Belgrade Lakes Village

St. Helena's Church - Belgrade Lakes Village

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

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

Health Facility

Belgrade Regional Health Center, Clement Way, Belgrade, ME

Belgrade's Elected Representatives to the State Government

Senator Walter Gooley (R)

DISTRICT 18

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

Representative Patricia R. Jones (D)

DISTRICT 83

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

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 Chellie Pingree (D)

1037 Longworth Office Building, Washington, DC 20515
202-225-6116 • Fax: 202-225-5590

2009 Town Officers

PLANNING BOARD

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

Peter Rushton, Chair (11)
Stephen Foster (10)
Dan Pratt (11)
Roger Derosier, Alt. Indefinite
Gary R. Fuller, CEO
Norman Beaudoin, (12)
Daniel Trembly (10)
Shanna Tracy, Secretary

BOARD OF APPEALS

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

Robert Martin (11)
Donald Smith (12)
Kerri Hammond (10)
Valton Wood (10)
Michael Barrett (12)
Gordon Pow (12)
John Vogt (11)
Betty Howard, Secretary

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

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

John Vogt (12)
Betty Grant (12)
Gordon Pow (11)
Vacancy, Alternate member

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Six members with staggered three-year terms.

Charles Grover (12)
John Sutton, Chair (11)
Tom Streznewski (10)
Dennis Purington (12)
Gayle Finkbeiner (11)
Maggie Shannon (10)

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Chris Scott, Chair
Conrad Shaw
Dan Newman
Gordon Pow
Brent Krizo
Leanne Court
Ernie Merckens
Valton Wood
Gregory Keene
Michael Barrett
Dennis Keschl, Town Manager, *in advisory capacity only*

DAMS COMMITTEE

Four Belgrade members with staggered three-year terms.

Percy Ackerman (11)
Dough McCafferty (12)
George Hoy (12)
Dennis Purington, Alternate (10)
Dick Mackenzie, Chair (10)

BOARD OF PARKS & RECREATION

Ten members with staggered three-year terms.

Haley Fortin (10)
Stephanie Yeaton (12)
Christine Devine, Alternate
Linda Bacon (12)
Robert Steinberg (11)
Fred Perkins (11)
Carrie Brennan (12)
Stephen Smith (11)
Kathryn Horton (10)
Genevieve Hall (11)
Melanie Meader (10)

FIRE DEPARTMENT/RESCUE

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

Dan MacKenzie, Fire Chief (10)
Lisa Day, Ass't Chief of Rescue (12)
William Pulsifer, Deputy Chief (11)
Travis Burton, Capt. of Rescue (10)
Edward Ketch Jr. Ass't Chief/Lakes (11)
Conrad Shaw, Lt of Rescue (12)
Chris Henninger, Ass't Chief/N. Bel (11)
Bruce Galouch, Ass't Chief/Depot (10)
Douglas Sawyer, Lt/Lakes (11)
Dan Newman, Lt/Depot (10)
Scott Damren, Capt. N Bel & Training (11)
Kathryn Pow, Lt./N.Belgrade (12)
Richard McCarthy, Training/ Lt. Lakes (10)
Mark Day, Capt/Lakes (10)
Bruce Plourd, Capt/Depot (10)

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

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

Mike Heino (10)
Nancy French (12)
Scott Damren, Sexton
Phillip Sprague (11), Chair
Bruce Galouch (11)

TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Unlimited membership with indefinite length of term

Bruce Galouch (Chair)
Dennis Keschl (Town Manager)
William Nason
Gregory Keene
Gene Burgess
Jack Sutton
George MacDonald
John Shiken
Clarence Burnham

TOWN MANAGER

Appointed by Selectpersons with contract

Dennis L. Keschl

2009 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
Treasurer	Pam Tracy	Indefinite
Deputy Treasurer	Dennis Keschl	Indefinite
Town Clerk	Cheryl Cook	Indefinite
Deputy Clerk/Registrar	Brittany Norton	Indefinite
Deputy Clerk/ Executive Bd Sec.	Mary Vogel	Indefinite
Deputy Registrar	Cheryl Cook	Indefinite
Deputy Registrar	Mary Vogel	Indefinite
Tax Collector	Cheryl Cook	Indefinite
GA Administrator	Dennis L Keschl	Indefinite
Asst. GA Administrator	Cheryl Cook	Indefinite
Asst. GA Administrator	Mary Vogel	Indefinite
Agent, Motor Vehicle/IF&W	Cheryl Cook	Indefinite

TREE COMMITTEE

Staggered one, two and three year terms

Sue Gawler (11)
Wayne Smith (10)
Loyce Hayslett (11)
Jackie Tanner (12)
Phil Sprague (12)
Abbott Ladd (11)
tish carr, Tree Warden – ex-officio member

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Size of Board is open with staggered three-year terms

Martha Spann (11)
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

Robert Early
David Stevens
Tom Streznewski
Joel Lavenson
Jack Sutton
Dennis Purington
Ricky Damren
Kevin Hawes, Road Commissioner
Ronald Bellavance
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)
Bruce Plourd (12)
Daniel Newman (11)

RSU #18 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Three directors with staggered three year terms, elected in March and terms to expire June 30 each year.
Becky Seel (10)
Glen Davis (12)

ROAD COMMISSIONER

One individual with one-year term elected in March. Term expires at March Town Meeting
Kevin Hawes (10)

RECREATION DIRECTOR

By contract with Alford Youth Center
Jessica Moore

LIBRARIAN

Marcia Haigh

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Staggered three-year terms (expire in December)
Michael Barrett (10)
Elizabeth Fontaine (09)
Patricia Pow (11)
Rebecca Seel (11)
Mike Guarino (12)
Edward Salmon (11)
Loyce Hayslett (10)

D.C. STEVENS

Three-year term
Pamela Prescott, Chair (11)

Board of Selectpersons Report

This past year has brought about many interesting changes as well as capital improvement project opportunities for our town. We have seen the school district, M.S.A.D. 47, change and now become R.S.U. # 18, with the addition of the Town of China. This consolidation should help lower the Belgrade residents' portion of the coming years' budgets, thus, reducing the tax burden for our citizens.

In addition, we have seen the completion of the expansion of the recycling facility which includes additional areas for sorting recyclable materials, storage, and best of all, for our employees, the addition of heat.

Construction has started on the cemetery/maintenance garage which will allow us to store the mowing equipment somewhere other than the historical building at the cemetery and to provide a secure place to store the town truck.

The capital improvement opportunities that have presented themselves are as follows: first is working with the Maine Department of Transportation to secure land for a possible salt/sand storage shed. Second is the formation of a road committee to prioritize the repair and maintenance of our town roads which will, in turn, give us a better understanding of road deterioration and to allow the town to make improved financial decisions on future repairs and/or resurfacing. Third is the review by the 2009 building committee of the work which had been done by the previous building committees as well as investigate possible reductions in space needs, and compare the cost of a multifunction facility to that of a stand alone town office, stand alone library, stand alone food pantry, and a stand alone cultural building. The conclusions of the building committee were that by centralizing services it would be more cost effective in the long run for the town to maintain one facility rather than multiple facilities.

Many of the opportunities listed above will be on this year's town warrant. The Board of Selectpersons urges all Belgrade residents to become well-informed on all proposed capital improvement projects and most of all, whether you as a Belgrade resident are in favor or against the project, please turn out to vote.

The board would like to thank all town employees and departments for a job well done, including the town office staff and town manager, transfer station employees, grounds and building maintenance crew, library staff, and the fire and rescue department. We would also like to say thank you to all of our committees and boards for their long hours of dedication and hard work at no cost to the town because without these important and valued volunteers, the Selectboard would find it difficult to do its job.

Finally, some of the committees and boards still have vacancies and we challenge the citizens of Belgrade to become involved. Without citizen involvement, we would not have the kind of town for which we can all be proud. Please call the town office if you would like to volunteer—You can make a difference.

Respectfully submitted as a representative of the Board of Selectpersons.

Dan Newman, Chairperson
Chris Mellow, Vice- Chair
Richard Damren
Melanie Jewell
Bruce Plourd



Town Manager's Report

Dennis L. Keschl

We began 2009 with a great deal of concern about the economy and its impact on our municipality. Jobless rates climbed and while oil prices seemed to drop they continued to have a major impact on our costs. Continuing budgetary shortfalls in the state government impacted us as the Legislature balanced the budget through a variety of reductions, many of which have a direct impact on local municipalities. Even as I write this annual report, the State Legislature is working to further reduce the state's biennial budget with a package of cuts, including further reductions to state aid to education, municipal revenue sharing, and support provided to our roads, and other actions that could ultimately show up in our local property tax.

However we did accomplish most of the items that you approved during our 2009 Town Meeting. Among these were:

- We paved the McGrath Pond Road (held over from the 2008 due to high asphalt prices), the Depot Road, and the Warren Hill Road.
- We crack sealed the West Road (2.4 miles) and the Minot Hill Road (1.0 miles) to extend the pavement life.
- We completed design work on a Salt & Sand Shed and have a referendum article on this year's ballot asking for approval to bond \$350,000 for its construction.
- The installation of the generator at the Town Office is nearing completion.
- The garage that will be used to maintain cemetery lawn mowers and other equipment, and house the municipal truck is nearing completion.
- The new metal roof for the North Belgrade Community Center was completed in June.
- Analysis of changing from a fiscal year based on the calendar year to the state fiscal year showed that it was not practical to move forward with the change at this time due to the short term financial burden that it would place on the Town. We will continue to evaluate when the best time would be for us to make this change.
- The parking lot at the Belgrade Lakes Village fire station was fully completed in large part due to the tremendous outpouring of volunteer work and contributions on the part of many local contractors. Without their support this work could not have been accomplished. Their contributions resulted in truly significant savings to the taxpayers.
- We have initiated 2 major enforcement actions against violations of our Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. We anticipate that these actions will be finalized during 2010.

While we did not finalize the installation of the 2000 gallons diesel fuel tank, we did complete renovations of the Recycling Center which has improved the work environment and operation of the facility. Also, we replaced the boiler at the Center For All Seasons. The money for this replacement was taken from the Recreation Reserve. The improved efficiency of the new boilers is anticipated to provide better heating of the facility at significantly lower costs. Savings should provide a payback in 4 – 5 years.

Preparing the municipal budget in any year is difficult. However, the current economic uncertainty coupled with the problems with the state's budget has made this year's task even more difficult. Therefore, as we worked to prepare our annual budget for 2010, everyone involved, including the Board of Selectpersons, the Budget Committee, Department heads, and staff, worked to achieve a budget that they could recommend to you that met our municipal needs with a close eye on what the Legislature has done or may do.

Among the issues that you will be voting on in the referendum voting will be:

- A new ordinance allowing for the recall of elected municipal officers for specific reasons through the citizens petition process. Many municipalities throughout Maine have this ability and the Board of Selectpersons believed that it should be available to our citizens.
- A new ordinance that would provide property tax relief up to a maximum of \$750 to qualifying senior citizens over 60 years old.
- Adoption of amendments to our "Belgrade Municipal Street and Road Ordinance", the Subdivision Ordinance, the "Minimum Lot Size Ordinance", and required changes to the "Floodplain Management Ordinance and Floodplain Maps".
- Approval for the bonding of \$350,000 for a Salt & Sand Shed and acquisition of land from the MaineDOT on which the shed will be located.
- Approval of a capital improvement project the construction of a new municipal center to house the town office, the municipal library, a municipal heritage/history center, and a food pantry including authorization for the Selectpersons to proceed with the bonding of the project (with construction costs estimated to be approximately \$3.6 million) once specific requirements of the financial plan are met.
- A citizen petition to authorize a capital improvement project for a single facility to house town offices not to exceed 5000 square feet in size and not to exceed \$1.0 million in costs. This is a competing article to the article authorizing the construction of a municipal center housing town offices, a town library, a town heritage center, and a food pantry.



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

Among issues that will be voted on the floor of the Town Meeting are:

- A request for \$44,000 for a “factor” revaluation in order to provide for a fair distribution of property taxes in our Town. This is discussed further in the article “*A Discussion of the Proposal for a “Factor” Revaluation*”
- A request for \$5,000 to landscape the Belgrade Lake Village Fire Station to prevent erosion.
- A request for \$5,000 to continue with the process of replacing current radios to meet the requirements for narrow band operations.
- \$306,548 to pave the Penney Road, the Location Road, and crack sealing of 1.0 miles of other roads.
- A request to expend \$93,200 from the Public Works Road Maintenance and Paving Capital Reserve Account to rebuild, reclaim, and pave 1/3 mile of the Horsepoint Road that is routinely subject to flooding.
- A request to expend \$11,000 from the Cemetery Perpetual Care Interest to purchase a Cemetery Information Management System to provide for improved accuracy and ease of maintenance or all cemetery record.
- A request to designate that portion of Town property (Map 07/Lot 059B) not used as part of the Town Gravel Pit, for future cemetery expansion.

The municipal budget accounts for roughly 25% to 30% of the total budget. That means that we have no control over the other 70% - 75% of our budget, the portion that is composed of our portion of the school and county budgets.

Our allowable LD1 growth limitation factor for the 2010 municipal budget is 4.39%. The final warrant article will be a vote to approve an increase in the LD1 property tax levy in order to meet requests in the proposed budget should they exceed the LD1 limitation. Please contact me at the Town Office before Town Meeting if you have any questions about any of the listed expenditure requests and to attend any meetings relevant to the articles.

I urge you to prepare for and attend our Town Meeting and vote for or against the articles based on your assessment of the issues that are being presented to you. ***The reality is that YOU are the most integral and important part of the budgetary process.*** The warrant articles are recommendations only! It is up to YOU to determine whether or not the requests fill actual needs. I often hear complaints about why is the Town spending money for particular issues. My response is that YOU approved it. ***YOU alone have the ultimate control of expenditures made by the Town.***

In closing, I want to extend my personal thanks to our entire municipal staff and our volunteer committee members for all of the hard work that they do, often above and beyond the call of duty. It would not be possible to successfully manage our town without this support. Referendum voting will be on Friday, March 19, 2010 and the Town Meeting is on Saturday, March 20, 2010. I hope to see you all there.

A Discussion of the Proposal for a “Factor” Revaluation

Since 2007 the issue of the need for a “revaluation” of our Town has been the subject of discussion during Board of Selectpersons and Budget Committee meetings. We are obligated to ensure that everyone in Belgrade is paying his/her *fair share of the cost of town services*. Because of the dramatic increase in property values, primary those with shore frontage that has occurred since the 2004 revaluation the question is whether or not this is the case. The following figures are startling proof that significant growth has occurred. The most recent State of Maine’s valuation of the Town of Belgrade is \$616 million dollars, whereas our local valuation is approximately \$446 million dollars. This equates to a \$170 million dollar difference. According to our Assessor approximately 70% of this valuation difference is due to increased value of shore frontage. Given this, there may be a significant shift in the values and thus an inequity in the apportionment of our taxes.

You may ask, “What does it matter?” It matters for a number of reasons. To explain, I will first provide a basic primer on what we mean by “valuation”, the difference between how the state and local valuations are determined, and why valuations are important.

A town’s “valuation” is essentially a statement of all the property value that exists in a town.

Our *local valuation* is based on a full year of data that runs from April 1st to April 1st, which by law is the date that tax commitments are made...so for 2009 our local value was based on data from April 1, 2008 to April 1 2009.

The *state valuation* is done on data based on their Fiscal Year which runs from July 1st to June 30th. So their FY2010 Valuation was based on data from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. We get this information in the fall of 2010. We are required to use the most recent State Valuation when determining the town ratio...so for 2009 it would be the State FY2010 valuation (approx \$616 million) compared to the Town’s 2009 Valuation (approx \$446 million) or the town’s ratio is 72.4% of the State’s valuation...and we are not supposed to fall below 70%.

On an annual basis “local value” is determined by taking the most recent local “valuation” (in this case 2004) that based on sales data, and that increases year to year by only the amount of added value from new construction or renovations, etc. based on the market value at the time the assessment of value for the added growth was made. The State bases their valuation on actual sales data and adjusts the total value year to year based on this data.

Thus the state valuation grows much more rapidly during periods of high growth and increased sales, which occurred from 2004 through 2008.

The State uses their data for their purposes (e.g., the distribution of state aid to towns, etc.) while we use the local valuation for our purposes...primarily the assessment of property tax.

We are required to revalue if the town’s ratio falls to 70% or lower, however, more important than this is the fact that the Article IX, Section 8 of our State Constitution requires that, “All taxes upon real and personal estate, assessed by authority of this State, shall be apportioned and assessed equally according to the just value thereof.”

So, “What does it matter?” The most important answer to this question is that of **fairness**. Of the \$170 million dollars difference in valuation, 70% is believed to be due to higher water front property values. Because our local property taxes are based on our town’s valuation we are not meeting the constitutional requirements, i.e., “All taxes upon real and personal estate... *shall be apportioned and assessed equally according to the just value thereof.*” To illustrate this, let’s look at the following example which is, remember **for ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES ONLY!**

Suppose we have two hypothetical properties each valued at \$100,000 in 2009 but one having water frontage and the other not. Calculations of the property tax that each paid based on our town’s 2009 mil rate would show that each paid \$1410 dollars in property taxes. If, however, we revalued these properties based on the state valuation *assuming that 70% of the difference between the state valuation and our local valuation results from the increase in value in water frontage* and calculate the property taxes that they would pay, we see a significant difference.

First, in this example the municipal mil rate would drop to approximately \$10.2 and the value of the property with water frontage would increase to \$157,400 and the one without would increase to \$124,600. Taxes paid on the water front property would increase to \$1605 while the non-water front property taxes would decrease to \$1271.

This example shows that a disparity in property taxes may exist as a result of the town’s valuation being significantly lower than the state’s valuation.

**REMEMBER THIS IS AN ILLUSTRATION ONLY...ACTUAL CHANGES IN ANY PROPERTY TAXES
WOULD DEPEND ON THE VARIOUS FACTORS DEVELOPED AND USED FOR PARCEL TYPES.**

The question that you are being asked on the floor of the Town is whether or not you would authorize the expenditure of \$44,000 for a “factor” revaluation which is significantly lower in costs than a full revaluation. We are able to do this because of the quality of the work that was done in 2004. Essentially, using this “factor” approach the assessor would evaluate “factors” for each property type rather than performing a parcel by parcel valuation. The factors obtained by their work would be applied to all parcels throughout town and the total value of the town would be obtained upon which we can provide a fair apportionment of the taxes that you pay. Any resulting change in property taxes would not impact this current year but would be implemented in the following year.

While we have shown the reasons for doing this “*factor revaluation*”, there are arguments against it. One of the biggest arguments is that the data upon which it will be based doesn’t reflect the current slump in the market as it relates to property values. While it is true that the data upon which the state’s valuation is based is up to 18 months old, it is also true that assessors determining the “factors” will look at the most recent sales available and should be able to accurately reflect the current market. This would provide a current and accurate reflection of our town’s value.

A second argument is that it will impact those residents with water front properties the hardest. This assumption may be true, however the current *local valuation* of our town may not be meeting our constitutional requirement to fair and equitably assess taxes based on fair value, and those properties *without* water frontage may be paying a disproportionate share of the taxes assessed by the town.

Ultimately, whether or not the warrant article is approved is up to you. Please make your voice heard by attending and participating in the floor discussion on this important article.

Comprehensive Plan Update

The Long Range Planning Committee is currently working on updating the 1998 Belgrade Comprehensive Plan. A Comprehensive Plan is a set of goals and implementation strategies for achieving those goals. We review the town’s history, identify 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. Basically, we perform a comprehensive analysis of the town, and address whether changes over the past decade warrant changes in municipal policies.

The committee has worked diligently the past couple of years to collect data, host meetings, and discuss various future scenarios for the town. We believe we have built the foundation for writing the actual Comprehensive Plan. We have been meeting jointly with the Planning Board for some time now, the third Thursdays of the month, to discuss strategies outlined in the Plan, through adoption of ordinances and modification of existing regulations.

Due to a series of personal and family issues with numerous committee members, the committee has lost many members this past year. All the important information that has been gathered needs to be written up into a Plan; that is the final missing piece of this process. The town could really use your assistance in helping to bring the efforts of previous volunteers to fruition. If you are interested in volunteering with the Long Range Planning Committee, to help format many ideas, maps, and strategies into an organized Comprehensive Plan, please contact Dennis Keschl in the Town Office.

Thank you very much to those volunteers who have served and given their time this past year to bring us that much closer to an updated Comprehensive Plan:

Cheryl Abbott

Norma Blazer

Adelaide LaLime

Marty Spann

Thank you also to the Planning Board for working jointly with us, and providing another beneficial perspective on issues.

Respectfully submitted,

MacGregor Stocco, former Chair, Long Range Planning Committee

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Planning Board Report

The Planning Board was busy during 2009, but not with our usual sort of business. The number of overall applications submitted for our review remained below average. This gave us room in our schedule to continue holding our joint meetings with the Long Range Planning Committee.

The Planning Board's role, in this case, was to provide input at various stages having impacts on Planning Board areas of concentration. This collaborative effort helped shape a plan which was written by the LRPC members. Both the Planning Board and the LRPC learned more about how each party conducts business and our respective values.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Steve Foster, Dan Pratt, Dan Trembly, Norm Beaudoin and Roger Derosier for their contributions to the Planning Board. These individuals have busy lives without their respective commitment to the Planning Board. I'm grateful they chose to participate. And their individual personalities and skills make a well rounded board. Thank you for your service!

In addition, I want to thank Shanna Tracy who has done a tremendous job as our Secretary. She jumped in with both feet and while some of the Planning Board terms and procedures were unfamiliar to her at first, she quickly demonstrated her valuable organizational skills. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted

Peter Rushton, Chairperson

Budget Committee Report

Thanks to Doug Mather and Greg Connors who left the committee in 2009 for their service to the Town. Welcome to Margaret Shannon and Charles Grover who joined late in the year, returning the committee to its full authorized complement of six members.

Throughout 2009 the Budget Committee focused on major 2010 budget proposals within the Town's discretionary control. The most far-reaching of these are options for a multi-purpose municipal building on Depot Road with estimated construction cost of \$3.6 million and 20-year bonding for \$2.1 million, and a citizen-initiated proposal for a stand-alone town office limited to 5,000 square feet and \$1.0 million total cost. These competing proposals will be presented at the March 2010 Town Meeting for referendum vote. Budget Committee recommendations for both are as follows: Multi-purpose building: 3-for, 2-against and 1-absent; stand alone town office: 4-for, 1-against and 1-absent. It is noted that implementation of the latter will require further action by a future Town Meeting.

The March 2010 Town Meeting will also vote by secret ballot on a proposed sand/salt storage shed sited on State property at the corner of Rt.135 and Rtes. 8/11. Estimated construction cost is \$350,000, to be bonded for five years. The Town Manager estimates a payback in the range of 4.5 – 7 years, achieved through reduced salt and sand use and future snow plowing contract savings. All Budget Committee members and all Select Persons who voted recommend approval of this project to gain the financial and environmental benefits it offers.

Town road requests for 2010 total \$782,046, of which \$93,200 would be appropriated from the road capital reserve account. This compares with \$786,889 raised and appropriated for town roads in 2009. The Town is directing much effort toward optimizing long-term relationships between safety, public benefit and cost in proposing road expenditures. The 2010 warrant seeks to raise and appropriate \$205,611 for solid waste and recycling operations, compared to \$235,563 approved for 2009. An additional \$33,975 is proposed from the solid waste capital improvement fund to expand storage capacity with shipping containers and to improve public access. That amount is less than the operating budget under run of \$52,247 in 2009. *Recycle and Save!*

The Town Meeting is asked to raise and appropriate \$44,000 for town revaluation. The Budget Committee recommendation is split at 2-for and 4-against. While all members recognize the need for periodic revaluations, some favor reserving an estimated amount over three years instead of raising the full amount in 2010.

Major uncertainties in projecting the Town's final tax rate include: Fall-out to the Town from legislative solutions to the State budget crisis, incremental costs related to Kennebec County's change to a July/June fiscal year and the outcome of RSU deliberations to change school cost sharing formula for member towns from 100 percent state valuation to a blend of state valuation and pupil count.

Respectfully submitted

Gayle Finkbeiner (11), Charles Grover (12) Dennis Purington (12), Margaret Shannon (10), Tom Streznewski (10)

Jack Sutton (11), Chair

Kennebec County Sheriff's Report

"First to Serve ~ 1799"

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Kennebec County, Maine



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January 19, 2010

The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office continues to proudly serve the citizens of Kennebec County. The Sheriff's Office has a long history of service, dating back to 1799. Our agency provides a multitude of services, including Law Enforcement, Corrections, Court Security and Civil Service.

In 2009, Deputy Sheriffs responded to 27,768 calls for service. We answered 312 calls for service in complaints involving domestic violence; 1,267 motor vehicle accidents; 232 burglaries and 132 K-9 calls. We also managed, on average, 179 registered sex offenders.

During the past year, our Correctional Facility managed 3,525 inmates. The offenses committed include everything from Burglaries to Homicides. Substance abuse and the proper treatment of citizens with mental illness continue to be two primary concerns at the Correctional Facility.

Inmates at the Kennebec County Correctional Facility are required to work. Throughout 2009, inmates worked 92,941 hours, valued at approximately \$568,830. Inmates that are considered to be a risk to the community work inside the facility cleaning and cooking, others are supervised on outside projects. Our inmates raised 45,000 pounds of produce for the inmate kitchen and area food pantries in 2009. In 2009, inmates provided enhanced sanitation at many schools, reducing our students' exposure to the H1N1 virus.

I am committed to providing innovative programs to reduce crimes, assist victims and to provide an enhanced public safety. I acknowledge the ever-growing opiate addiction problem and have committed to partnerships at the Federal, State and Local levels to combat this problem. Our approach is aggressive enforcement, education and treatment for those afflicted.

I am committed to providing the 122,000 citizens of Kennebec County with progressive and professional Law Enforcement and Correctional Services. I welcome any comments or suggestions, which improve our service to the citizens of Kennebec County.

Randall A. Liberty
Sheriff, Kennebec County

***"Call Action Breakdown" for 2009 is located on the town website:
www.belgrademaine.com***

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 2009. 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 bailing 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, the sale of recycling bins and our newest fundraiser, 9-1-1 street number signs. These durable blue and white signs appearing on mailboxes throughout Belgrade and neighboring towns can be ordered through our website at: www.Troop453.org/signs.

Our Troop consists of 20 boys who are busy working on advancement requirements and numerous merit badges. The best part of the Scouting adventure is putting newly learned skills to use. During winter 2009, Troop 453 boys participated in tubing, skiing, and winter camping on Great Pond; a tea, of six boys achieved First Place at the Klondike Derby, a winter camping and endurance challenge held in China in January. Boys attended the Spring Camporee in Winslow which featured historical merit badges and Paul Bunyan axemanship and many attended Scout Camp at Camp Roosevelt. Two boys attended National Youth Leadership Training at Camp Hinds. Boys' canoed trip including a hike up Mount Katahdin in Baxter State Park challenged older scouts; hiking and camping in the Kennebec Highlands provided solid experience for younger boys.

Troop 453 service projects for 2009 included teaming with the Belgrade Business Group and the Center for All Seasons to put on a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for the town's fuel assistance program. Boys helped move, set up and put away chairs for the Town's Memorial Day service in addition to assisting with presentation of the colors and reading of the Honor Roll. 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.

In 2009, 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. Three boys completed their Eagle projects and three achieved rank of Eagle. Congratulations to Blake Bourque, responsible for the sign at the North Belgrade Community Center, Jonathan Veileux, responsible for the new bulletin board at the Town Office, and Matt LaRou who is responsible for the construction of two storage buildings for playground equipment at the Belgrade Central School. Well done young men.

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 outgoing Scoutmaster, Larry Boyce, new Scoutmaster, Bob Heath and Committee Chairperson, Dwayne Bickford. 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 Bob Heath at 495-2188 or Committee Chairperson Dwayne Bickford at 465-7949.

Respectfully Submitted,
Boy Scout Troop 453 Committee

Belgrade Girl Scout Report

The Belgrade Area Girl Scouts have seen their numbers dwindling this year, but they have been as busy as ever doing Community Service projects and earning badges, pins, petals, patches and try-its. Community Service projects have included collaborating with the Friends of the Library to host a public supper to raise money for fuel assistance in the bitter cold of January 2009; hosting a penny drive throughout town and the schools and donating the money to the Belgrade/Rome Food Pantry and to the Town of Belgrade's Fuel Assistance Fund; collecting donations for the Waterville Humane Society and the Kennebec Valley Humane Society, and delivering the items, along with hugs and love for the pets there. Our favorite part of this was helping to raise awareness of the increased needs at the area shelters due to the downturn in the economy. If you wish to help out either shelter, their information can be found at www.pethavenlane.org, or www.hswa.org.

Members of two of the troops, the Juniors and the Cadets, have also been baling newsprint bi-weekly for the Town of Belgrade as a service project and a fundraiser for the troop's individually, and for Belgrade Girl Scouts as a whole. The troops all got together for the holiday season and put on a fantastic Christmas for an area family with shopping and gift wrapping, tree donating and finally delivering packages wrapped up in holiday cheer! Because of the townspeople's generous support of scouting we were able to provide entire bedding sets for 4 lucky kids this Christmas and it warms our hearts to know these children will be extra warm and toasty on these cold evenings. The money for this is directly generated by the newspaper baling proceeds and so for this we thank you!

We've had some fun food-related outings as well...two troops toured the new, "green" Hannaford, one troop got to be junior blizzard makers at Dairy Queen learning all about operations and what it takes to own a business, and the 2nd year Daisys had a yummy learning experience at Coldstone Creamery. Our Junior troop hosted a pizza/swimming party at the Waterville YMCA for their "sister troop" of pen pals from Albion. The Cadet troop had winter fun at Camp Pondicherry in Bridgton, a spring camp-in and badge overnight at the North Belgrade Community Center, and summer fun at Aquaboggin, and the Daisy's had a sledding party and a Teddy Bear Picnic; the Junior's felt fall's fever and went hiking on the Messalonskee Trail System.

The Cadet troop had an absolute blast going Lobstering on Southport Island this fall - they even bagged their own bait (blegh!) and hauled the traps in on their own. The Lobsterman that hosted the girls was incredibly impressed with their stamina and was as proud of them (well, almost as proud) as their dads and their leader who accompanied them. They also learned a lot about news broadcasting, reporting the news, and meteorology at WCSH-TV 6 in Portland. They met and charmed on-air personalities, behind the scenes directors and producers, individual show hosts, as well as the office staff and technical directors. What a fantastic learning experience that was! But not quite as educational as the day spent "paging" for the House of Representatives. These young ladies were poised, proficient and set such a good example of Girl Scouts for everyone at the State House that not only were they invited back, but were also asked to consider paging for the Senate as well one day. They met and spoke with both the Speaker of the House, Hannah Pingree, and the President of the Senate, Libby Mitchell - a first for the State of Maine that both of the highest offices be held by women!

Belgrade Girl Scouts only has 28 girl members this year, and this is due mainly to a lack of adults who are willing and able to lead a troop. As a leader for the past 7 years, I can tell you that it is a sizable time commitment, and you need to be organized as well, but the rewards FAR outweigh the costs. As a leader you have an opportunity to make a difference in a child's life, to guide them and allow them to guide you, and to be the change you wish to see in the world. I would not trade the memories I have made with my troop over all of these years, and I challenge other adults to consider becoming a leader too - it's worth the investment!

For more information about volunteering for Girl Scouting, please go to the Girl Scout website, www.girlscoutsofmaine.org.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Belgrade Area Girl Scouts
Melanie Jewell

Belgrade Historical Society *For info, 465-7924*

In 2009 we brought you programs about Camp Kennebec and Camp Runoia, as well as our first Antiques Appraisal Fair.

In the coming year we hope to be making our meetings more enjoyable by changing the day or location, thereby avoiding the sounds of basketball scrimmage. We hope to bring you another documentary film, perhaps a silent film from the 1920's, one field trip, and a slide show of old Belgrade postcards. Watch for an update on the Kennebec Highlands Heritage Project.

Please contact Nan at 465-7924 if you wish reminders of our meetings, since most members receive e-mail notices now.

Belgrade Area Dams Committee Report

TO: Select persons, Towns of Rome and Belgrade
Dennis Keschl, Belgrade Town Manager
Peter Nielsen, Oakland Town Manager

In July, 2009, a major project at Great Pond Dam was completed by Knowles Construction of Gorham and Straz Consulting Engineers of Prospect Harbor. In September, 2009, Liberty Builders of Rome completed work on Wings Mills Dam and is in the process of doing work on Salmon Lake Dam. Funds for these major projects were approved in 2007 and rolled over into 2008 and 2009.

In 2010, we are asking the towns to raise and appropriate \$15,000 for maintenance and to allow us to go back to Wings Mills Dam because we found more damage than planned on the spillway.

Belgrade.....	\$8,400
Rome	\$4,050
Oakland	<u>\$2,550</u>
TOTAL.....	\$15,000

Approved by the Dams Committee on August 31, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard A. MacKenzie
Chairperson, Dams Committee

Road Commissioner's Report

During the past year we completed all of the road paving and maintenance work approved at the 2009 Town Meeting, including the following the completion of the paving of the McGrath Pond that was carried over from 2008 due to high asphalt prices, the Depot Road, the Warren Hill Road, and the crack sealing of the Minot Hill Road and portions of the West Road.

The perennial problem with the "frost heave" on the northern end of the Depot Road was resolved prior to paving the road and it did not reappear this winter season.

Due to the significant drop in asphalt prices we saved sufficient funds to perform necessary work on a low section of the Horsepoint Road and will use the money saved to do this work if it is approved at Town Meeting this year.

We also replaced a number of culverts throughout town. Mowing of the roadsides early that has normally been done in the past seemed to reduce the number of complaints that we received about visibility at intersection due to vegetative growth.

Respectfully Submitted
Kevin S. Hawes
Road Commissioner

Plumbing Inspector's Report

The total number of plumbing permits was 58 as compared to 60 in 2008. Of these permits, 40 were for external plumbing and 18 for interior plumbing.

Please remember to contact me when your project is ready for an inspection. If you need a permit or inspection, please contact me at home, 495-3868, or at the Belgrade Town Office, 495-2258.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary R. Fuller
Plumbing Inspector, Town of Belgrade

Fire & Rescue Report

Belgrade Fire and Rescue has experienced another busy year responding to calls, training and hosting fundraisers. We hosted an EMT class at the Lakes Station beginning in August and ending in December. The class was taught by our own Jeremy Damren, EMT-P and several assistants, graduating 23 students, 3 of which will be joining our department and Jason Joler, who is currently a member.

In December we held our annual Christmas Party/Awards Ceremony. The award recipients were as follows: Firefighter of the Year was awarded to Phil Sprague, Jr. Firefighter of the year was to awarded to Randi Galouch and Rescue Persons of the year were awarded to: Kate Pow, Scott Damren, Conrad Shaw, Travis Burton, Scott Routhier and Meagan Breau for saving "one of our own."

On behalf of Belgrade Fire and Rescue, we would like to thank Hammond Lumber Company, Kaplan Electric, Bob the Plumber, Belgrade Lakes Electric, Town of Belgrade and all other business 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.

This fall volunteerism was demonstrated when 11 area contractors brought their Trucks, Bulldozers, Loader, and a roller into play to haul and spread and roll over 1200 yards of sand and gravel to build a much needed parking lot in back of the Belgrade Lakes Fire Station. This lot was needed to provide safe parking for members instead of parking in the breakdown lane on busy Route 27.

We wish to thank the following contractors who volunteered their time and equipment to create the parking lot. Thayer Engineering provided the parking lot plan with grades and elevation and supervision during construction; Scott Horne Construction provided initial rock removal and lot clearing; Gagne and Sons Concrete provided a new catch basin, light pole base and a 1000 gal septic tank, Hammond Lumber Company for miscellaneous material. Bob the Plumber provided connection and installation of new sewer and water lines. Belgrade Lakes Electric for miscellaneous electrical connections and Kaplan Electric for miscellaneous electrical connections.

The following contractors provided dump trucks with drivers: Maurice Childs Construction, Harry Stimans, driver; Hawes Construction, Bruce Plourd, driver; Hollowell Construction, Scott Damren, driver; Stimans Used Trucks, Dave Jewell, driver; David Stevens Construction, David Stevens, driver; Gary Foss Construction, Gary Foss, driver; Walt Laplante Enterprises, Walt Laplante, driver; Bellavance Construction, Ron Bellavance, driver; David Stevens Construction, provided a bulldozer; Jason Stevens Construction, bulldozer, Jason Stevens, operator; Maurice Childs Construction, provided a roller, Maurice Childs, Conrad Shaw, operators; Hollowell Construction, provided gravel and loader; Steve Foster provided a loader to load sand from the town pit.

Thanks to Belgrade Lakes Golf Course for allowing rock disposal and their access road to be part of the new project.

With remaining monies that were appropriated at the past Town Meeting, we were able to Hot Top the prepared parking lot. We still have to plant some shrubbery and or trees and do some finish work around the new septic tank and back drive way.

6-Year Fire & Rescue Response Summary

2004 - 356	2007 - 355
2005 - 324	2008 - 326
2006 - 286	2009 - 263



Belgrade Fire Chiefs; Past and Present. From left to right: Deputy Chief William Pulsifer, Clifton "Skip" Hammond, Richard Damren Jr., Jeffrey Stevens and Daniel Mackenzie.

Belgrade Fire and Rescue would also like to extend its thanks to the citizens of Belgrade for their much needed and continued support. 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.

Transfer Facility and Recycling Committee

The year 2009 was a successful year for the Transfer Station. After the prices paid for recyclable material dropped sharply in 2008, prices rebounded to average or above for most of 2009. We continued our efforts to keep more recyclable materials out of the waste stream by beginning the recycling of bulky plastic. This includes children's toys, plastic pails, almost anything that is plastic. These items can be placed in the plywood bins in the bulky waste area.

Thanks in part to your recycling efforts in 2009 we again saw a significant budget reduction.

	2008 Actual	2009 Actual	2010 Budget
Solid Waste management	\$202,382	\$175,170	\$205,611*
Waste Disposal Fees	(\$17,039)	(\$19,925)	(\$17,000)
Recycled waste sales	(\$27,659)	(\$13,099)	(\$8,000)
Net Cost of Disposing & Recycling	\$157,684	\$142,146	\$208,440

*Note: In order to provide a more accurate view of the savings in actual operating expenditures, this number does not include \$33,975 of money for 5 storage units, associated ground work, and the paving of the Transfer Station Road that is being requested from the Solid Waste Capital Reserve.

Major Projects and Improvements - 2009

1. The new addition to the Recycling Center was completed and ready for use May 2nd.
2. A new fee structure for Demo Wood was implemented July 1st.
3. The closed Landfill was mowed on August 5th.
4. Wood on site was chipped in August.
5. The loading dock was repaired on September 22nd.
6. The closed Landfill was fertilized on September 26th.
7. Waste oil furnace installation was completed on November 6th.

We continue to plan for more improvements in 2010. We plan to obtain five new storage trailers to improve the storage and handling efficiency of recyclable materials. We intend to work with the commercial haulers to improve recycling for their customers. We also plan to repave a section of the road leading into the Transfer Station.

Due to the amount of litter we continue to see along the roadsides we would like to remind everyone that their loads need to be secure. ***Please do your part to keep Belgrade clean!***

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

Belgrade Public Library

495-3508

www.belgrade.lib.me.us

Belgrade Reads! Citizens borrowed over 10,000 books, magazines, audio books, movies, music, and the kill-a-watt energy detector from their community library in 2009. This is a new record for our "seed" library. More people used the library wi-fi signal, the two public computers, the reference services, and attended the numerous programs.

The Trustees have a reading campaign *Belgrade Reads* underway. You may have seen the posters of Belgrade citizens reading on display. To date, we have seen William Pulsifer and Pam Prescott. Who will be next?

Last year the library added downloadable audio books to the list of services. People may use their library card to download free audio files of books, language classes, health and fitness instruction, and more. One hundred eighty-eight (188) were downloaded to be listened to on audio players.

The Library received a grant for 72 high-quality children's books from the Libri Foundation in 2009. The donation included interesting math and science books, as well as fun picture books and popular children's fiction. The 2010 Summer Reading Program theme will be ***Make a Splash-READ***. Last year 113 children participated in the program.

The staff greatly appreciates the time given by library volunteers, and the thoughtful oversight by the members of the Board of Trustees. Thank you.

Services available at our community library

Reference services	Books-new fiction and nonfiction	Children's book collection
Online databases	Large Print books	Young reader's book group
Local newspaper	Maine collection	Teen book collection
Fax, scans and photocopying	Biography collection	Maggie Schneider Science Collection
Kill-A-Watt energy detectors	Reader advisory services	Summer reading incentives
Tax forms	Interlibrary loan services	Baxter the Library Cat visits
2 public computers with Internet access	Audio books	Music programs
Wi-Fi available 24/7	Downloadable audio service	Children's story time Thursday - 10:30
	Magazines	
	Music	
Book discussions	Movies	
Speakers	Online catalog	
Community programs		
Author visits		
Computer use training		

LIBRARY HOURS

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

Belgrade Public Library 2009 Statistics

Card holders	1,532
Collection size.....	6,780
Items borrowed	10,543
Interlibrary loans.....	273
Library volunteers hours.....	172

www.belgrade.lib.me.us

495-3508

Belgrade-Rome Special Needs Food Pantry

The Belgrade Rome Special Needs Food Pantry provides a valuable service to eligible residents of Belgrade and Rome and to Belgrade taxpayers.

In 2009, 42 households in Belgrade - 17 of whom were new to the service - received food and essential household items. This represented a total of 126 individuals from Belgrade. A total of 63 households, including 21 from Rome, received Food Pantry services for a total of 183 individuals.

In 2009, a minimum of 6100 items were donated and the area's generosity continues to be impressive. Individual citizens, schools, clubs, businesses, churches, foundations, out of area and state residents - all contributed either items or monetary donations and all are gratefully received. The Food Pantry acquired its 501 C -3 non-profit status in October, 2009, so contributions after that are tax-deductible.

A force of at least 25 loyal volunteers support the operations of the Food Pantry in a variety of capacities and their efforts are very much appreciated.

Lastly, there is a change of management for 2010 - Marylou Butterfield is the overall chairperson; Vicky Bedard is the winter manager and Betty Weaver is the summer manager. I have resigned my position but leave it in very capable hands. The above-mentioned people and any of the Board of Directors are more than willing to answer any questions or concerns about the operations of the Food Pantry.

Respectfully,
Linda Hale

Board of Directors -

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

Report of the Animal Control Officer

My position as the Animal Control Officer started in February 2006. Within the last year there have been many dog/cat issues. Many owners had failed to restrain and license their dogs. There were also many violations regarding pet owners not vaccinating their cats and dogs with the rabies vaccine, which is required by law.

I have assisted many pet owners with questions that they had about the care and well-being of their animals. I am also available to help with any wildlife issues or problems that occur. Do not feed or approach any wildlife, as they may become aggressive or carry disease. If you see a sick or injured animal, please call the Animal Control Officer or your local Warden Service who can be reached through the non-emergency state police number.

If any town resident has questions or problems, please don't hesitate to call and please leave a message if I don't answer as I may be taking care of a complaint when you call. I look forward to assisting the residents of Belgrade with any pet owner questions or problems.

How You Can Prevent Rabies

- Have your pets vaccinated against rabies. Any pets which come in contact with wild animals are at risk. Many local health departments conduct public vaccination clinics for dogs and cats. Your veterinarian can also vaccinate your pet against rabies.
- If your cat or dog has been bitten or attacked by a wild animal or has bites or scratches of unknown origin, call your veterinarian or animal control officer to report the incident.
- If your cat or dog has bitten a person, call your local health department or animal control officer to report the incident.
- If your cat or dog is sick, seek the advice of your veterinarian.
- Protect your pets from stray or wild animals. Keep your pets from running loose.
- Report stray animals to your animal control officer. Handling stray cats or dogs can be dangerous.
- Do not feed or handle wild animals especially those that appear aggressive or sick. Never keep a wild animal as a pet.

Health Officer's Report

Another year has passed us by, bringing a new outlook for the future on the horizon. The challenges we faced this past year are behind us and we can look forward to making the most of the opportunities available in our beautiful, thriving community. Take time to enjoy life, family and friends and pass along a smile (they can be contagious!)

I must again 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, Malaria, Tuberculosis, Mumps, Rubella, Pertussis, Chicken Pox, Hepatitis and HIV Infection. There is an extensive comprehensive list on the CDC website.

Please remember that children and adolescents must be up to date on all childhood immunizations (MMR,DPT,Polio,Hep B, and varicella primarily). 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. This is also very important for adults in the workforce. Feel free to contact your medical provider or me if you should have questions about these illnesses or immunizations.

Remember to check up on your elderly or homebound neighbors, friends and family during the winter months, especially during the holidays. Short visits can help uplift those who may not get much company or are unable to socialize without assistance.

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. This is a time of GREAT need. Donations have been in short supply. Inquire at the Town Office if you are interested in joining our volunteers.

The H1N1 influenza outbreak hit us with force at the summer camps especially. Both campers and counselors were diagnosed and treated for the flu symptoms they exhibited. School started with preparations for flu shot clinics and tracking of symptoms and confirmation. Prevention efforts included much education in proper hand washing techniques, covering coughs and sneezes and no sharing of drinks, eating utensils or cosmetics. These habits should become part of everyday hygiene for each and everyone.

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 2010!

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine G Riddle, R.N.B.S.CHES
Belgrade Health Officer

Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group

The Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group (BLRBG) had another very successful year in 2009. Despite the very tough economic times, our membership held steady and we were able to sponsor, fund, and support a full slate of activities for the town and our region. These activities included the 4th of July parade and fireworks, loon calling contest, Octoberfest, and Christmas Stroll. With the renewed support of our members, the frog jumping contest on the 4th attracted well over 100 participants and it was common to hear kids asking their parents "can we come back again next year to do this?!!!"

Several additional enhancements were also added to our new website to increase visitor traffic and allow our business members to promote what they and our region have to offer. With our new web reporting tools, we can get detailed information on user traffic to our site which allows us and our members to tailor the type of content that will attract visitors to our wonderful town. On average, over 1000 people per month visit our website.

Once again, we would like to thank the voters of Belgrade for the positive outcome of the March referendum that helped fund the July 4th fireworks and events. Continued funding by the people of Belgrade allows us to continue this great tradition and helps make our town unique and special.

Ted McCarthy
President, BLRBG

Code Enforcement Officer's Report

Construction activity did pick up a bit from last year but is still less than years gone past. The total number of building permits issued, were 102 as compared to 93 in 2008. Below are the comparisons:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Single Family Dwellings	9	13
New Seasonal Home	3	3
Alterations/Add	44	36
Garages/Sheds/Access. Building	30	28
Mobile Homes	2	4
Swimming Pools	1	1
Commercial Structures	2	2
Foundations/Retaining Wall	1	15
Towers	1	0
TOTAL	93	102

For those of you that are unaware, the Governor signed a bill last year that requires that all municipalities throughout Maine formerly adopt the International building and International Residential Building Code. The deadline for the Codes to be administered and enforced is 2012.

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

Belgrade Regional Health Center

The Belgrade Regional Health Center, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing facilities and support for HealthReach Community Health Center, Inc., operations in Belgrade. We rely on contributions from individuals, communities, and grantors to supplement HealthReach lease payments, to fund our activities, to maintain the building and grounds, and to ensure the permanent availability of professional health services in Belgrade both now and in the future.

It is our mission to provide services to all who need them, and we are one of the few Primary Health Care facilities in the area to except Maine Care. Special efforts are made to try to accommodate the emergency needs of our patients with an open access policy. We endeavor to make time for our summer visitors who require emergency medical assistance.

This year we purchased a specially designed phlebotomy chair for the laboratory and vaccine for our annual "seasonal flu" vaccination clinic. Our once a month blood pressure clinic and community outreach programs continue.

It has been an eventful year with further implementation of electronic medical records as well as the addition of new office and medical staff. The Board welcomes Matt Colaluca, Physician Assistant-Certified, to the staff. There has also been an addition of a part-time Counselor, Kelly Croom, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor.

We wish to express our gratitude to Dr. Diane Campbell as she approaches her 20th year at the Belgrade Regional Health Center. Not only is she our doctor, but she is also President of Maine General Medical Center Staff, Chief of Staff at the Waterville Campus (Thayer), and a member of the Maine General Health Board of Directors, among many other distinguished positions. Our new physician, Dr. Amy Maddon, was awarded the Karen Hallee Memorial Award by the Maine Primary Care Association for new medical professionals. The award is open to all primary care providers in their first five years of practice and recognizes clinicians demonstrating the level of dedication to the community being served, passion for medicine, and commitment to serving the underserved of Maine that Dr. Hallee exemplified.

The Board is saddened by the passing of Dr. Roger Shannon and Jean Dalton, both long-time Board members and valued friends.

We wish to thank the town of Belgrade for their generous past support as we continue to try to meet the needs of our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Polly Parkhill Beatie, President

Belgrade Regional Health Center

Town Historian's Report

The Belgrade Fish Hatchery

Farming and living off the land as they did, Belgraders noticed when the lakes in the Belgrade chain no longer offered the bounty of fish that had helped sustain them. They worried about the new dams that kept fish from their spawning grounds upstream. They were also concerned about fishing methods that seemed unfair and wasteful, like setting weirs and spearing spawning fish at night. In 1847 Belgrade men (Damren, Wing, Morrill, Mills, Penny, Bickford...) petitioned the State to forbid such tactics in Great, Ellis and McGrath Ponds and their tributaries, under penalty of one dollar for each trout or pickerel taken.

Pickerel had been introduced to Maine earlier as an "excellent table fish". In 1865 when the 10th annual Maine Agriculture Report was printed, it was generally thought that wild fish stocks were in serious decline because of the dams and lack of enforceable fishing laws. There were no fishing or hunting laws until 1867, and only then against bitter opposition.

Fish rearing was comparatively new in this country but held great promise of being a profitable "crop". By 1872 Maine had a Commissioner of Fisheries, and in ten years more there were fish wardens and rudimentary laws. Fish were being successfully hatched; 5,000 fry (newly hatched) came to Belgrade in 1879. Clubs and individuals participated in the hatching and distribution of fry under State guidance. "Hatching houses" were being proposed, but poachers "in numbers only equaled by black flies, and as deserving of extermination" were still marketing illegally-taken fish.

In spite of the management problems, sport fishing had caught on, and the Belgrade Lakes region began to boom in the '70's with summer camps, boarding houses, and hotels. In 1900, the State owned four hatcheries. A fifth State hatchery opened on the outlet stream from Salmon Lake to Great Pond in 1905, on land purchased from the Kennebec Fish and Game Association. 35,000 salmon eggs were shipped there that year, and 354,000 trout eggs were taken that fall, according to State record books.

In 1906, Walleyes were shipped in from Vermont and hatched in the Belgrade facility as an experiment, to see how well they did and "if we want them". The resulting fry were immediately planted in Androscoggin Lake, but one wonders if escapes might have been the source of the robust population discovered in Great Pond decades later. Belgrade's hatchery raised salmon and trout, and their fish were most often planted in Kennebec County. Some fish were transferred to other stations or planted further away.

A hatchery Guest Book survives, with hundreds of names of visitors, starting with locals in December, 1905. By June, 1906, summer visitors were coming from out of state, some in groups, some from local camps, and some from far away. The last entries were made Dec. 2, 1930.

In large State hatchery ledgers, Belgrade is listed in 1940. Records during World War II are missing, and we know it was difficult for the hatchery system to get manpower or supplies. Annual reports pick up again in 1950.

In 1949, the State sold the hatchery property to Lawrence Sturtevant, who used the water flow to service a laundry. The tanks or raceways were also used by local bait dealers. Sturtevant sold the hatchery to Linda Bean Jones in 1998. It is now owned by Bruce and Theresa Trumper, who are restoring the building.

Additional information or corrections about the hatchery would be welcomed by Nan Mairs.

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. Guptil 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 2009 school year, the Robert A. Guptill Historical Fund was used for Grade 4 Cobbleston & Cricket Book Order/ Historical Fiction Units -Gr. 2 presentation-Old Fort Western. 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

Beginning Jan. 09 Balance		\$2,375.13G
Gr. 2 Presentation	Old Fort Western	-250.00
Bethany Richards/ Cobblestone Books	Grade 4	-97.89
Deposit	Annual Interest	+451.46
Balance December 2009		\$ 2,478.70

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Gordon, Principal
Belgrade Central School

Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons

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The Town of Belgrade and the Boys and Girls Club / YMCA at the Alford Youth Center are entering the fourth year of partnership. The Belgrade Community Center for all Seasons is considered a unit of the Boys and Girls Club / YMCA. As a satellite program of the Club, we are fortunate to be affiliated with and have access to many professional resources.

Programs: 2009 programs included Beginners Dance Lessons, Karate, Hartha Yoga, 55 & Alive, Craft Club, Clay Club, Basketball, Toddler Time, Smart Moves, Photography contest, and Open Gym

Summer Camp: Badges for Baseball, Healthy Choices/ Healthy Children

This program was implemented in the 2009 Camp Golden Pond. When fully implemented, *Badges for Baseball* is a multi-faceted mentoring program that brings the tenets of "The Ripken Way" to young people through a variety of programs, including *Healthy Choices*, *Healthy Children* and baseball/softball themed activities. Most importantly, law enforcement mentors work directly with youth to enhance the lessons of "The Ripken Way" while providing young people with new opportunities to learn, grow, and make positive choices for their future. Lessons learned included counselors implementing activities that encouraged the 12 lessons of the Ripken Way: Sportsmanship Teamwork Leadership Communication Respect Avoiding Stinkin' Thinkin' Personal Responsibility Work Ethic Developing Good Life Habits Choosing to be Healthy Choosing Your Teammates and Choosing Your Future. Young people begin to see the officers as their coach and role model, and view them as a wise and trusted friend. Law enforcement officers begin to see the potential in the young people from their neighborhoods, thus solidifying a mentoring relationship. Most importantly, law enforcement officers and young people begin to have fun together and develop a mutual respect for each other and their community. Local mentors from Maine State Police and Kennebec County Sheriff's Department visited the camp weekly.

159 campers registered for Camp in 2009. Themes included Animal Planet, Holiday Palooza, A Day in the Knight, Pirates & Princesses, Exploration, Mad Science, Teamwork and Symbols of our State. Campers visited the Maine Wildlife Park in Gray, the North St. Playground / Picnic Lunch & Waterslides at the Municipal Pool & Ice Cream in Waterville, Lake George in Skowhegan, Blackbeard's Family Fun Park in Bangor and AQUABOGGIN in Saco. Special visits to the Center included a Planetarium, Chewonki, a Basketball Clinic, a traveling theatre and Belgrade Lakes Day, hosted by the Department of Environmental Education.

After School Education Program: Kristy Clements joined our team as the program coordinator. Kristy is a graduate of Thomas College, completing her education credits for her psychology degree. She spent the summer with us as an Intern at Camp Golden Pond as a camp counselor and volunteered many hours of her time with office administration.

Rentals: 2009 Rentals included Weddings ceremonies and receptions, Birthday parties, Anniversary parties, Memorial gatherings, Holiday parties, Baby Showers, Bridal Showers, School outings, Concerts, Fundraisers, Seminars and Business Trainings.

Community gatherings: The facility also served as a host for community gatherings such as Cub Scout & Pack meetings (and sleepovers), the Messalonskee High School Prom, Maranacook Prom, Field Trips, Messalonskee Youth Basketball practices and games, Town Voting, Red Cross Blood Drive.

72' Batting Cage: Feb. 14 through March 28, the Center will host batting practice for both softball and baseball in our indoor batting cage. If you are a coach and would like to learn about our indoor batting cage, please attend the coaches meeting on Feb. 7th at 4pm.

Hours of Operation:

3-season:

Mon.-Fri.: 10am-7pm

Saturday: Open only for scheduled rentals & programs

Sunday: Open only for scheduled rentals & programs

Summer: June 21- August 13, 2010

Mon.-Fri.: 7am-5pm

Saturday: Open only for scheduled rentals & programs

Sunday: Open only for scheduled rentals & programs

The Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons will be closed on the 2010 holidays that are observed by the Town of Belgrade.

2010 Community Events

Jan 9	Birding Tour (BRCA) 9AM Location TBA	April 3	Maple Sugar Tour (BRCA) 10AM Wishing Well Farm, Norridgewock	July 18	Melinda Ann on Long Pond (BLA and MLCI) Sunday morning at Days Store
Jan 12	Tree Bud Identification (BRCA) 6:30PM BRCA office	May 7	Mother / Child Dance (Happy Mother's Day!) (BCCFAS) 6:30-8:30PM at BCCFAS	July 25	BLA Annual Meeting (BLA) Sunday morning at BCCFAS
Jan 22	Teen Movie and Mystery Nite (Grades 9-12) (BCCFAS) 6-9PM at BCCFAS	May 8	Messalonskee Prom 8PM at BCCFAS	Aug 7	Fire Department Annual Bean Hole Supper (Belgrade Fire Department) 5-7PM at BCCFAS
Jan 23	Trees on Skis Tour (BRCA) 10AM Wishing Well Farm, Norridgewock	May 29	5K Road Race (FBPL) 8AM at Belgrade Central School	Aug 14	Summer Lobster Bake (BCCFAS) (BLA) 5-7PM social hour / silent auction, 7PM dinner
Jan 30	Snow Shoe Tour (BRCA) 5:30PM Location TBA	May 29	Green Hatter's Hoedown (BRCA) (BCCFAS) 6:30-8:30PM at BCCFAS	Aug 27	COMEDY SHOW: Featuring Marden's Lady "Birdie" Googins 7PM at BCCFAS
Feb 10	Cross Country Ski Trip (BRCA) 11AM Location TBA	June TBA	Referendum Vote (BCCFAS) 8AM-8PM at BCCFAS	Aug TBA	After-School Program: resumes (BCCFAS) Dependent on 2010-2011 school schedule
Feb 12	Father / Daughter Valentine's Day Dance (BCCFAS) 6:30-8:30PM at BCCFAS	June 5	Community Yard Sale (FBPL) 9AM At Days Real Estate	Oct 5	Senior Citizens: Fryeburg Fair Trip (BCCFAS) 8AM departure, 6PM return at BCCFAS
Feb 13	Cross Country Ski Trip (BRCA) 10PM Location TBA	June 21	Camp Golden Pond begins (BCCFAS) 8AM-4PM at BCCFAS	Oct 9	Oktoberfest (BCCFAS) (BLRBG) 11AM-2PM at BCCFAS and Lakes village
Feb 16	Scavenger Hunt for Kids (BRCA) 1PM Location TBA	June 21	Public Pool Opens (BCCFAS) AS SCHEDULED at BCCFAS	Oct 29	Halloween Party (BCCFAS) 6:30-8PM at BCCFAS
Feb 27	Cross Country Night Ski Trip (BRCA) 4PM Long Pond, Belgrade	July 4	Ice Cream Social (BCCFAS) (& other day long village activities, including Annual Book Sale) 4-5PM (Following the parade)	Nov 2	VOTE (BCCFAS) 8AM-8PM at BCCFAS
Feb 27	Book Sale (FBPL) 9AM at BCCFAS	July 9	AquaFest Cocktail/Boat Party (BRCA Lake Trust) Friday evening, Location TBA	Nov 8-19	Thanksgiving Food Drive (BCCFAS) (For Belgrade Food Pantry) November 19 Deadline donations can be made at BCCFAS or Belgrade Town Office
Feb 28	Fishing Derby (Draggin Masters) (BCCFAS) SCHEDULE TBA	July 9	Gawler Family Concert (FBPL) 7PM at BCCFAS	Dec 4	Holiday Craft fair (BCCFAS) (Followed by the Holiday Stroll in Village 4-7PM) (BLRBG) 9AM-3PM at BCCFAS
Mar 6	Snow Shoe Trip (BRCA) 10AM Location TBA	July 10	Antique Boat Event and Melinda Ann (BRCA Lake Trust) Saturday morning at BCCFAS	Dec 17	Santa Claus is coming to Town! (BCCFAS) 6:30-8:30PM at BCCFAS
Mar 9	Cross Country Ski Trip (BRCA) 10AM Location TBA	July 15	Golf Tournament, 2 nd Annual (FBPL) 1pm T-time at Belgrade Lakes Golf Course		
Mar 19	Vote (BCCFAS) 8AM-8PM at BCCFAS	July 17	Melinda Ann on Great Pond (BLA and MLCI) Saturday morning at Boat Landing		
Mar 20	Snow Shoe Trip (BRCA) 10AM Watson Pond Rd, Rome				
Mar 20	Town Meeting (BCCFAS) 1PM at BCCFAS				
Mar 27	Talent Show & Citizen of the Year presentation (BCCFAS) 6PM at BCCFAS				
April 3	Easter Egg Hunt (BCCFAS) 9AM at BCCFAS				

Sponsoring Organizations

(BCCFAS) Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons
(BLA) Belgrade Lakes Association
(BLRBG) Belgrade Lakes Regional Business Group
(BRCA) Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance
(MLCI) Maine Lakes Conservancy Institute
(FBPL) Friends of the Belgrade Public Library

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Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Moore, Director

Belgrade Cemetery Committee Report

The Town has had a very busy year at the Cemeteries this year. As you may have noticed, we have completed the removal of the trees between plans 3, 4 and 5, and had all the stumps removed. In the process, the Cemetery Committee also went along the back road and cut the trees back about 8 to 10 feet to allow more room for the vault and memorial trucks to enter and exit the roads. This will help prevent damages to the lots that neighbor the back road from being run over by vehicles. It will also allow more room for parking during services and traffic can pass more freely without running over the lots. Lastly, we removed any dead or leaning trees that would cause damage to the stones if they had fallen.

We also continued to restore some more roads throughout the Cemetery that were sinking in and help with the appearance of the cemetery. We will continue to do this for years to come.

Plan 5 was surveyed with the help from Thayer Engineering. They helped us with the elevations for the new plan and also marked out the remaining roads of Plan 4, so that when the two sections come together we will have a smooth and even appearance, not to mention the most useable and functional space.

The new garage was completed this winter. This will allow for easier maintenance and more storage room for the equipment. It will also help preserve the Old Town House from any more damage from the weight of the equipment being stored in the building. We will still be using the old building for the office, dry storage and the water system for the time being.

This year we hope to purchase a new computer program called CIMS. This will allow for a more accurate and user friendly way to keep Cemetery records updated. It will also allow for a mapping system to allow finding lot locations easier. It will take some time to get all of the records into the program, but it will be well worth it in the end for years to come.

Lastly, we would like to thank all of the volunteers that help with all of the Cemetery functions. Without their help the Memorial Day services wouldn't be such a success. The Flowers and Flags are always a beautiful part of that day, and again we **THANK YOU!**

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Damren, Sexton

2009 Burials

Deceased	Burial Date	Cemetery	Lot	Deceased	Burial Date	Cemetery	Lot
Louise Norman	5/8/09	Pine Grove	P4-R1-L12	Louisa Nadeau	6/18/09	Pine Grove	P4-R8-L6
Edward Cole	5/8/09	Pine Grove	P3-R7-L17	Theresa Boucher	6/27/09	Pine Grove	P4-R10-L7
Gerald Adell	5/9/09	Woodside		Olive Jean Dalton	7/10/09	Pine Grove	P1-R7-L16
Harriat Conway	5/9/09	Pine Grove	P4-R9-L5	Roy Philbrick	7/17/09	Pine Grove	P2-R11-L9
Mona Ellis	5/9/09	Pine Grove	P3-R4-L25	Emma Gardner	7/25/09	Pine Grove	P4-R8-L18
Dorothy Brackett	5/14/09	Pine Grove	P3-R5-L17	Pauline Bellavance	7/31/09	Pine Grove	P4-R3-L14
Zelma Bickford	5/14/09	Pine Grove	P3-R5-L9	Ethelyn Foss	8/5/09	Pine Grove	P4-L5-R12
Harry York	5/15/09	Pine Grove	P3-R7-L16	Nancy Bickford	8/21/09	Pine Grove	P3-R9-L11
Helen Lundgren	5/16/09	Pine Grove	P2-R6-L9	Joseph Sataloff	8/22/09	Pine Grove	P2-R1-L18
Maxine Yeaton	5/20/09	Pine Grove	P1-R12-L20	Lorraine Stevens	8/22/09	Pine Grove	P3-R7-L14
Roy Guptill	5/20/09	Pine Grove	P2-R6-L1 S2SP	George Nutter	8/29/09	Pine Grove	P2-R11-L20
Ruby Ellis	5/22/09	Pine Grove	P3-R9-L9	John L Pray	9/4/09	Pine Grove	P2-R5-L20
Ruth Crommett	5/23/09	Pine Grove	P4-R9-L11	Blanche Bickford	9/8/09	Pine Grove	P3-R4-L17
Arnold Stuart	5/23/09	Pine Grove		Geneva Fitch	9/23/09	Pine Grove	P3-R5-L8
Gracia Cook	5/27/09	Pine Grove	P3-R2-L2	Muriel Allard	10/5/09	Pine Grove	P1-L1-R16
Janet Sundby	5/27/09	Pine Grove	P4-R2-L11	Paul Stratton	10/6/09	Pine Grove	P3-R7-L28
Wallace E Brann	6/2/09	Pine Grove	P1-R5-L26	Sherwood Bilodeau	10/10/09	Pine Grove	P3-R4-L24
James Barrett	6/4/09	Pine Grove	P2-R1-L26	Iving Knight	10/21/09	Pine Grove	P2-R7-L10
Frank Turcotte	6/7/09	Pine Grove	P4-R3-L12	Bernice Hall	11/16/09	Pine Grove	P2-R11-L18
Arthur Stilphen	6/8/09	Pine Grove	P1-R7-L28	Dorris Allen	12/7/09	Pine Grove	P2-R1-L12
Richard Sullivan	6/11/09	Pine Grove	P4-R1-L14	Frances Wadleigh	12/7/09	Pine Grove	P3-R6-L21

2009 Lot Assignments

Name	Lot Number	Amount	Date
Craig Crommett	P4-R9-L11 S2SP	\$50.00	4/13/09
Tim & Linda Joler	P2-R8-L5 2SP	\$100.00	4/20/09
Jason Greene	P1-R12-L17 N2SP	\$50.00	5/05/09
Jack Willhoite	P1-R12-L17 S4SP	\$200.00	5/26/09
Brenda Stilphen	P1-R7-L28	\$200.00	5/28/09

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

The Parents Creative Arts Committee continues to extend our students' artistic and cultural experiences. This past year we have had an ocean expert, a puppetry 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, puppets, 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 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 2009 Budget

		2009 Proposed	2009 Spent	2010 Proposed
General	Miscellaneous	\$500	\$285	\$500
Art	Teacher Supplies	\$1000	\$835.74	\$1000
	Laminator	\$ 500	\$500.00	\$ 500
Enrichment	PCAC	\$6000	\$5917	\$6000
Math/Science	Materials	\$ 500	\$ 199.13	\$ 500
Field Trips		\$2200	\$2200	\$2200
Reading/Writing	Reference	\$ 500	\$311.26	\$500
	Library	\$1500	\$1500	\$1500
	Kennebec Valley			
	Book Awards	\$200	\$200	\$200
	Pride Books	\$300	\$102.35	\$ 300
	Supplemental	\$2000	\$2967.71	\$3200
Totals		\$15,200	\$15,018.19	\$16,400

Superintendent's Report

Dear Citizens of the Town of Belgrade:

When I first spoke to staff this year as they returned from the summer recess, I welcomed them back again for the very first time. This was recognizing the fact that when the China and MSAD 47 staffs left their respective school districts last June it was for the last time. On July 1, 2009, Regional School Unit No. 18 came into being, and all staff returning were coming back to a new school system that is now comprised of the Towns of Belgrade, China, Oakland, Rome and Sidney. The new District has 3,312 students (October 1, 2009), 607 staff members and an operating budget of \$33.9 million. Going back in time (49BC), Julius Caesar while making his way to Rome, had to choose to cross the Rubicon River in Northern Italy. This crossing of the Rubicon was a very crucial point in that campaign and became known as the point of no return. In speaking to the staff as they came back (this year), I told them that we, as a new District, have "Crossed the Kennebec" representing our own "point of no return". This crossing has set the stage for two very good school districts merging together creating **one great school district**. You can continue to expect great things from this newly formed school district.

Most of the past year was spent getting ready for school consolidation to happen. The former China and MSAD 47 Districts were working hard to prepare to wrap up their final year of operation, making sure that all requirements and details of shutting down the old Districts were dealt with. Concurrently, the new District elected the first Board of Directors for Regional School Unit No. 18 (RSU18) in February 2009. This Board had to hit the ground running, holding countless meetings and numerous hours of work in order for the new school district to be ready for operation on July 1, 2009. The great news is that due to the efforts of these community members, along with the tireless efforts of District staff, the transition from the former China and MSAD 47 school districts to Regional School Unit No.18 went extremely well! That is a direct tribute to the great planning, countless hours and dedication to all those who worked on this transition. The members of the first elected Board of Directors for Regional School Unit No. 18 are:

Town	Representative	Elected Term
Belgrade	Becky Seel	06/30/2010- 1 year term
	Glen Davis	06/30/2012- 3 year term
China	Elwood Ellis	06/30/2012- 3 year term, Vice Chairperson
	Deanne Pizzo	06/30/2010- 1 year term
Oakland	Laura Tracy	06/30/2012- 3 year term, Chairperson
	Doreen Leighton	06/30/2011(fulfilling unexpired term of Kelly Roderick, who was elected for a 2 year term)
	Donna Doucette	06/30/2010- 1 year term (in November 2009 elected to a 3 year term expiring 2013)
Rome	Larry Brown	06/30/2011- 2 year term
Sidney	Lora Downing	06/30/2011- 2 year term
	Kerri Oliver	06/30/2012- 3 year term

The citizens from the towns of Regional School Unit No. 18 should be very appreciative of the extraordinary efforts put in by the first Regional School Unit Board of Directors, as well as offering thanks to those who have served on the China and MSAD 47 School Boards. They were and are very well represented.

The new school district had an added challenge of having to replace their Superintendent when Jim Morse was selected as the Superintendent for the Portland School system in February 2009. So, in addition to consolidation, the Board had a very important task of conducting a search for a new superintendent to lead the newly formed Regional School Unit. The national search process took months to complete and ended with the selection of the first Superintendent for Regional School Unit No. 18. I am very excited to be able to serve as the first superintendent for your new school district. There is a great foundation in place with respect to the education programs and the professional and support staff that are in place. The Unit's school administration is top notch, and we are ready to begin the long steady process of making two very good school systems even better!

One additional highlight to mention about our schools is that this fall, we took advantage of the Maine Learning Technology Initiative (MLTI) and were able to provide laptop computers for all students in grades 6 through 12. This is an area where Maine is being looked at as an educational leader from across the world in how we have been able to make this happen. These laptops will help our students become more competitive, not just with those students from other parts of Maine, but also with students from across the globe.

As we look ahead, RSU 18 will have some significant financial hurdles to get past over the next several years. We are dealing with unprecedented economic times at the local, state, and federal levels. The RSU 18 Board will have to make very difficult decisions as a result of these financial realities, but these decisions will be made with the best interests of our children and overall education system in mind. We look forward to working with you through these challenging times.

The administration is currently planning for a School Unit Visioning Process/Future Search that will help set the direction for our schools over the next five to ten years and beyond. This important work is planned to take place in March 2010. The results from this work will then lead to the development of an overall strategic plan for our School Unit. On the facilities side of things, a committee made up of community and RSU18 Board members is getting underway so that we have an overall facilities master plan for all of our school facilities. Finally, a committee made up of community and RSU 18 Board members is getting underway in order to review the RSU 18 cost sharing agreement that exists in place for the towns in our Unit. This group will work to develop the fairest method of allocating educational costs across the RSU 18 towns. It has been an exciting year, and we look forward to serving you in the next year.

Sincerely

Gary N Smith

Superintendent of Schools

Belgrade Lakes Association Report

Even though we are now well into our winter, we hope that you have had the opportunity to spend time on our lakes during the past few months. Our mission to protect the lakes is ongoing throughout the year if future generations are going to have the opportunity to enjoy them. Unfortunately, in 2009, the abbreviated summer and difficult economic climate resulted in a shortfall in BLA fundraising resources.

Even with the shortfall in income, donations received from new and loyal BLA members helped support the many ongoing major activities on Great Pond and Long Pond including:

- 1) The courtesy boat inspection program to prevent the invasion of milfoils
- 2) LakeSmart to teach property owners practices to protect the quality of water entering our lakes.
- 3) Reduction of duck itch
- 4) Overall projects of reduced phosphorous entering the lakes and its major adverse effect- blue-green algae blooms.

In August, 2008, Eurasian Milfoil was discovered in Salmon Lake (in Kozy Cove), which leads into Great Pond. The state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (DIFW) mobilized their rapid response teams; however, they were not able to eradicate the infestation. On a more positive note, in conjunction with volunteer divers (including many BLA members), Hatch Cove on Great Pond was investigated with no signs of infestation. Given the manageable area of infestation in Kozy Kove, the DEP applied an herbicide to target the milfoil, a treatment that has exhibited positive effects thus far. Please stay tuned to the new improved BLA website for all water quality updates.

Our "Docks to Doorways" (D2D) capital campaign is progressing well due to community and member support. The goal of the campaign is to purchase the "Post Office Building" property and "Foundation Lot" (both on the Belgrade Stream), to install public docks on both properties for easier access to town by water, to create green space, and to provide an education and resource center for the town and the watershed. For more information about this campaign and all BLA programs, please go to www.blamaine.com.

Polly Parkhill Beatie, President
Belgrade Lakes Association

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) 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 lands and benefit the community at the same time.

This year marked the 21st 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

On August 19th, BRCA held its biennial Harold Alford Memorial BRCA Pro Am Golf Tournament. In conjunction with this tournament, the Harold Alford Foundation generously committed to a challenge grant of \$25,000 which BRCA successfully matched in the 60 day period. Overall, \$27,000 was raised to go towards water quality programs for each lake association, the Milfoil program, and the BRCA Youth Conservation Corps.

On Labor Day, BRCA also held its second annual 5K RACE FOR THE LAKES. With nearly 70 runners competing and beautiful weather, the event was a success sure to grow bigger each year. Prizes for the top three runners in each age category were awarded provided by local sponsors.

Land Trust

In 2008, BRCA received a grant from Land for Maine's Future for Phase III of the Kennebec Highland project. We are proud to announce that in 2009 we conserved almost 300 acres with funds from the LMF grant and public contributions for Phase III. 146 of those acres included the top of McGaffey Mountain, the highest peak in Kennebec County. In total, about 600 acres have been acquired towards the Phase III project. While Phase I and Phase II protected 5,500 acres west of Long Pond for wildlife habitat and public use, we can now say that we have reached 6,000 total acres of conservation land in the Kennebec Highlands. In 2010 we will continue to target areas that 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 continues to add to that legacy. Our capital campaign, launched in 2008, has raised close to \$180,000 and hopes for strong fundraising in 2010 towards the \$695,000 goal. In addition to Phase III of the Kennebec Highlands, we continue to pursue land conservation throughout the Belgrade Lakes Watershed, and are currently working on a number of potential land purchases, donations, and easements.

Since its foundation in 1988, BRCA has protected over 1,600 acres through land requisition and conservation easements. Total land BRCA owns is 780 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 10,292 total Courtesy Boat Inspections on all the Belgrade Lakes in 2009. The inspections were performed by a team of 28 paid inspectors and 11 trained volunteers and coordinators from the local lake associations. CBIs reported four confirmed saves this summer: curly-leaf pondweed at Long Pond, variable-leaf milfoil and fanwort at Salmon Lake, and variable-leaf milfoil and fanwort (on a single boat) at East Pond. The public access boat launches were manned throughout the Belgrade Lakes from Memorial Day through Labor Day Weekend.

Thankfully, no new invasive plants were discovered this year, but the Eurasian water milfoil present in Salmon Lake has persisted and despite hand-pulling efforts by the DEP, the plant numbers have increased. On September 10th, DEP took the extraordinary step of applying 2,4D to the waters of Salmon Lake. Treatment results appear promising to date, but we won't know until spring if the State's action has rid the lake of a pestilential invader.

Elsewhere in the Belgrade Lakes, relatively few plants were found overall; continued proof that boaters are responding to the program and awareness is spreading. Courtesy Boat inspectors have also reported growing recognition and support for the program from boaters.

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

Great Pond.....	2481
Salmon Lake	898
Long Pond	1791
Messalonskee Lake (2 ramps)	3107
Total.....	8277

BRCA Youth Conservation Corps

The youth Conservation Corps completed its 14th 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 64 projects, 17 in Belgrade. To date, 613 projects have been completed, 204 of those in Belgrade. Even through a tremendous amount of rain, the corps stayed positive and worked right through it.

The Conservation Corps completed two very visible projects in Belgrade this summer, beginning the season by repairing infiltration steps at Day's Store to catch runoff coming from the driveway. At the end of the season, a large project, including a rain garden, infiltration trench, oversight in re-grading the parking lot, and mulching was completed at the Belgrade Beach on Lakeshore Drive. The parking lot was re-graded to allow water flow off the parking lot into the infiltration trench and down into a rain garden where it can be infiltrated and filtered of harmful pollutants. The erosion control mulch laid on the pathway and down by the picnic tables will act as a sponge, soaking up excess surface water, as well as filtering runoff before it enters the lake. This project was funded in part with a grant the BRCA obtained from Maine DEP.

Sincerely,
BRCA Board of Directors.

Belgrade Tree Warden Report

This past year was a quiet year as the Tree Committee regains its energy from a busy 2008 year and what appears will be a very busy 2010. The Belgrade Tree Committee was recipient of a Project Canopy grant which will provide some landscaping at the North Belgrade Community Center. This work will get under way as soon as the snow leaves this winter. We also worked on locating as many hazard trees during this past fall, after CMP finished their work. This contract was approved in December but work will commence in 2010.

Many thanks to our entire tree board members including Sylvia Columbe, Sue Gawler, Loyce Hayslett, Abbott Ladd, Phil Sprague, Jackie Tanner and Wayne Smith for all of your help, guidance and input!

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;
- Continued working collaboratively with the Cemetery Committee
- Received Project Canopy grant to landscape North Belgrade Community Center
- Continued educational outreach to raise awareness about the importance of trees in Belgrade
- Contracted hazard tree work

As Town Tree Warden, it is truly an honor to work with such wonderful and committed volunteers. Thanks to all of you for all of your help as we go into our fifth year of education and outreach here in Belgrade.

Belgrade Draggin' Masters Snowmobile Club

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

We are happy to report good attendance at the club meetings and work sessions. The trail crews were busy this fall: we have basic work done on three new sections of trail- they have been trimmed and signs have been posted. We have purchased another used drag sled. The fields are staked out, signage is up, and we are ready for some serious snow. As we write this report, the weatherman is predicting a 3 day snow event so snow should be plentiful! We now have a web sight: <http://sites.google.com/site/belgradedragginmaster/home> and hopefully it will be belgradedragginmasters.com by the time you read this report. We are in hopes this will provide some valuable information about our club and trails.

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 Readfield Bog(The Bog)- 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 21, 2010 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. At one of our major intersections, we have a large sign posted 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 at the Center for All Seasons on Saturday April 3, 2010. 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 the townspeople for your continued support- Happy trails/riding to all.

Sincerely
Lou Ashland

U.S. Senator Susan M. Collins

Dear Citizens of Belgrade:

In 2009, I began my third term in the United States Senate. I remain deeply honored by the trust the people of Maine have placed in me, and I appreciate to report this opportunity to report on some highlights of my recent work in the U.S. Senate.

A significant accomplishment came in December, when the President signed transportation legislation that includes a provision I authored to create a one-year pilot project to allow trucks weighing up to 100,000 pounds to use federal highways in Maine. This is moving heavy trucks off Maine's secondary roads and out of our downtowns and onto our modern, multi-lane, controlled access highways for one year, during which time a study of the impact on safety, commerce and road wear-and-tear would be conducted. In addition, this change helps to level the economic playing field, as neighboring states already have this exemption.

My appointment in early 2009 to the powerful Appropriations Committee has allowed me to have greater influence on the funding of priorities that are important to Mainers, such as shipbuilding, health care, education, and transportation, while also giving me the ability to continue pressing for the elimination of wasteful spending that exacerbates our federal deficit.

As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I continue to be an advocate for Bath Iron Works, the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, the Maine Military Authority in Limestone, and the many other defense contractors and institutions in Maine that contribute so much to our national security. In August, I traveled to Iraq and Afghanistan and had the opportunity to meet with many service men and women from Maine. My conversations with them were the most important aspect of my trip to the region. Our troops are brave, dedicated, compassionate, and highly skilled. I will continue to work hard to ensure that they have the support their difficult missions require.

Perhaps the greatest challenge facing our nation continues to be the struggling economy, and among my highest priorities are getting our people back to work and our economy back on track. That is why in early 2009, I joined a bipartisan effort to pass the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The bill contains robust infrastructure spending, significant funding for state aid and education, and tax relief for low- and middle-income families and for small businesses. As a result of this bill, Maine is receiving approximately \$133 million for highway investments, more than \$50 million combined for the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds, and \$70.5 million for weatherization and energy efficiency projects.

Energy policy remains another great challenge: America's reliance on foreign oil harms our economy, our security, and our environment. Meeting the challenge of developing energy alternatives will provide great opportunities for Maine to build an economy for the future, with new industries and thousands of good jobs. This endeavor received a significant boost last October when the U.S. Department of Energy announced an \$8 million grant for deepwater offshore wind research at the University of Maine, and Congress also approved \$5 million I sponsored for the Maine Offshore Wind Initiative at UMaine. This January, the U.S. Department of Commerce announced a \$12.4 million laboratory construction grant for the University of Maine. I strongly advocated for these projects because, with some of the strongest winds in the nation off our coast and some of the best engineers in the field, Maine has great potential as an ideal location for offshore wind projects and can take the lead in the development of clean, renewable, and affordable energy for America. Estimates are that development of five gigawatts of offshore wind in Maine—enough to power more than 1 million homes for a year—could attract \$20 billion of investment to our state and create more than 15,000 green energy jobs that would be sustained over 30 years.

Of course, this past year brought not just successes. A disappointment was the failure of Congress to produce bipartisan health care reform legislation that would contain soaring costs and provide more choices for struggling families and small businesses. I am deeply concerned about the nearly \$500 billion in Medicare cuts included in the bill.

It is fiscally irresponsible to raid Medicare—a program which already has long-term financing problems—to pay for a new entitlement program, particularly at a time when the number of Medicare beneficiaries is on the rise. The bill would saddle Maine's hospitals with some \$800 million in Medicare cuts over the next ten years, and could push one in five hospitals, nursing homes, and home health providers into the red. Ultimately, such cuts could jeopardize access to care for millions of our nation's seniors.

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 better prepared to respond to disasters. The Christmas Day terrorist attempt to detonate explosives on an aircraft reminds us of the dangers we continue to confront. My homeland security priorities include further strengthening our defenses against terrorism and providing our first responders with the resources they need.

On March 19, 2009, I reached a personal milestone when I cast my 4,000th consecutive roll call vote, continuing a record of participating in every single roll call since I first came to the Senate in 1997. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve 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>. May 2010 be a good year for your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely

Susan M Collins

United States Senator

State Senator Walter Gooley, District 18

Annual Report to the Town of Belgrade

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Thank you for the opportunity to represent the people of Belgrade in the Maine Senate. This is my 2nd term and this session is, without doubt, the most challenging.

We faced many difficult decisions in the First Regular Session of the 124th, and I expect the same for the second session of the Legislature. State revenues have continued to fall far below projected amounts, resulting in a massive projected budget shortfall of \$483 million through the end of the current biennium of June 30, 2011.

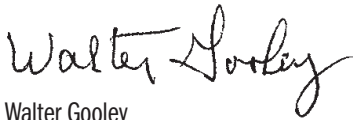
Unlike last session where we had a massive infusion of one-time stimulus dollars, this session we can expect little help from the federal government. Augusta must solve the problem on its own. Maine families have been forced to make tough economic decisions and the time has come for state government to do the same.

This economic downturn gives lawmakers in Augusta the opportunity and the mandate to look closely at state government and engage in the responsible budgeting and decision-making process that Maine people want and expect from their elected officials. If we have learned anything from the economic upheaval, it is that spending unwisely in the good times only makes it more difficult to weather the bad times. As difficult as these times are, they provide the catalyst to force the tough decisions that will "right-size" state government.

I will continue to seek long-term sustainable change that will position Maine to emerge from this downturn, stronger than when it began.

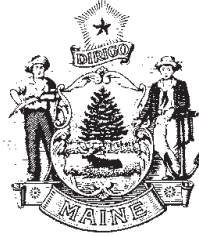
Thank you again for the honor of representing you in Maine Senate. Please feel free to contact me with your thoughts, concerns or if you are having an issue with a state agency. I would be happy to help in any way that I can. You can reach me in Augusta at 287-1505 or at home at 778-2368.

Sincerely,



Walter Gooley
State Senator
District 18

Maine House of Representatives, Pat Jones



REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF BELGRADE

January 2010

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It is an honor to again serve the residents of Belgrade as your State Representative in Augusta. With the second session of the 124th Legislature just beginning, I encourage you to contact me with your thoughts on the many important issues we will consider this year.

As a result of the national economic slowdown and slow recovery, the state continues to face falling revenues. The Governor has already curtailed spending for this fiscal year to address the growing budget gap. The Governor has also presented the Legislature with a new budget that makes \$438 million in cuts to bring the budget into balance. These budget cuts will be felt across all levels of state government and throughout towns and counties in our state. While cuts of this magnitude will have a significant impact on state and local services please be assured that I will work with my fellow legislators to minimize those impacts.

We face many difficult decisions in the upcoming session, but we also have an opportunity to change how Maine delivers services so that we emerge from these hard times with a more cost-effective state government. As we work on the state budget, we must ensure that the quality of education does not suffer, that our families can remain safe and healthy, and that all Maine citizens have access to vital services during these tough times. We must also do all that we can to boost the economy and to ensure that federal stimulus funds are spent wisely.

With the challenges and opportunities before us, we can continue to move Maine forward by setting priorities based on fundamental Maine values and common sense. Please feel free to contact me to share your thoughts on state issues or if you need assistance with state services. I can be reached at home at 512-5102, at the State House in Augusta at 287-1430, or by e-mail at RepPat.Jones@legislature.gov.

Sincerely,

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

Pat Jones
State Representative

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



Town Clerk's Report

Do you have business to do at the Town Office, but can't make it during the hours when open? You might be able to get your business done "on-line" at our municipal websites:

www.belgrademaine.com or www.maine.gov/local/kennebec/belgrade/

You can get your business done 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is easy, convenient, and available whenever you're ready.

You can conduct the following businesses online from the convenience of your own home at the following links: Try it and you will see how easy it really is!

E – BUSINESS

Absentee Ballot Request Form:

http://www.maine.gov/ifw/licenses_permits/lotteries/anydeer/

ATV/Snowmobile Renewal: <https://www10.informe.org/ifw/atv-snow/>

Boat Renewal: <https://www5.informe.org/online/boat/>

Deer Permit: http://www.maine.gov/ifw/licenses_permits/lotteries/anydeer/

Dog License Renewal: https://www10.informe.org/dog_license/

Duplicate Vehicle Registration:

<https://www5.informe.org/cgi-bin/online/bmv/drr/index.pl>

Hunting/Fishing: <https://www5.informe.org/cgi-bin/online/moses2/index.pl>

Moose Hunting Application: <http://www5.informe.org/online/moose/>

Motor Vehicle Re-Registrations: <http://www.informe.org/bmv/rapid-renewal/>

Trailer Re-Registration: <http://www.maine.gov/online/trailerrenewal/>

Vanity Plate Search: <http://www10.informe.org/bmv/vanity/>

We now offer the ability to use Credit Cards. There is a convenience fee that will be charged to your card. The charge is 2.45%, minimum \$1.50, of your purchase amount, unless you use a Visa Debit Card which is a flat fee of \$3.95. You can use your card for in office transactions or over the phone transactions. We accept Mastercard, Visa and Discover.

If you have a chance, visit our website at www.belgrademaine.com. There is a lot of information on it- upcoming meetings, Selectperson Meeting Minutes, tax valuations, all of our ordinances and lots of other important information. Our other website www.maine.gov/local/kennebec/belgrade also has the same information on it. Check us out!

Town Clerk's Report

In Memory Of

Deceased	Date of Death
Sylvia M Amon	January 14, 2009
Jeremiah S Baker	December 23, 2009
Pauline A Bellavance	July 26, 2009
James M Blazer	August 5, 2009
Erwin F Clements	July 1, 2009
Edward F Cole	May 5, 2009
Kenneth E Colomy	August 8, 2009
Ruth A Crommett	February 21, 2009
Ruby H Ellis	March 2, 2009
Mona J Ellis	April 24, 2009
Ethelyn M Foss	August 2, 2009
Joyce B Gagne	April 3, 2009
Conway W Kinch	June 16, 2009
Irvin E Knight	October 15, 2009
David J Leavitt	February 12, 2009
Helen Lundgren	January 15, 2009
Louisa M Nadeau	June 15, 2009
George C Nutter	August 26, 2009
William V Porter	August 30, 2009
John L Pray	August 21, 2009
Bernard E Ruf	January 24, 2009
Stephen A Sinclair	December 2, 2009
Lorraine M Stevens	August 15, 2009
Arthur Stilphen	February 21, 2009
Paul B Stratton	October 1, 2009
Janet E Sundby	February 17, 2009
Grace W Wendell	December 28, 2009
Ruth I Willey	November 25, 2009
Harry E York	January 3, 2009

Marriages in 2009

24

Births in 2009

27

Deaths in 2009

29

Fish & Wildlife Licenses Issued

RESIDENT	
Adult Hunt & Fish	208
Adult Hunt & Fish	174
Adult Hunting	64
Archery	21
Bear Permits	12
Coyote	6
Expanded Archery	10
Fall Turkey	6
Spring Turkey	21
Fishing	229
Junior Hunt	14
Migratory Waterfowl	25
Muzzle Loading Permit	30
Superpack.....	5
Supersport	2
Crossbow.....	1
Total	620

NON-RESIDENT	
NR Hunt & Fish Combination.....	2
NR Jr Hunt.....	0
NR Big Game.....	2
NR Small Game.....	0
NR Apprentice Hunt.....	0
NR Season Fish.....	64
1 Day Fish	7
3 Day Fish	45
7 Day Fish	0
15 Day Fish	13
TOTAL.....	133

Boats.....	1,032
Snow's.....	396
ATV's	160
TOTAL.....	1,588

Online Registrations

Dog Licenses (24 Registrations).....	\$72.00
Boat Renewals Excise (33 Registrations)	\$662.60
Automobiles Excise (206 Registrations)	\$30,361.76

Dog Licensing

Licenses Issued	240
Kennel Licenses Issued	1

Tax Collector's Report

2009 Unpaid Real Property Taxes as of December 31, 2009

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Adams, Barbara J	\$893.94	Chaput, Carla	\$1,202.73
Adams, Stacie	\$98.70	Chaput, Steven C	\$254.50
AKJ Associates	\$3,188.01	Childs, Kathleen (Life Estate)	\$977.13
Amik Realty LLC	\$9,012.72	Choate, Eugene P	\$314.43
Amon, Sylvia M	\$3,181.24	Ciforelli, Robert & Esther	\$2,126.84
Ardito, Ralph	\$1,690.59	Clark, Douglas & Katherine	\$1,002.51
Ashland, Brian & Dori	\$537.21	Clark, Douglas M & Katherine J	\$1,063.14
Aslam, Dru K	\$1,600.35	Clausen, Glenn J.	\$3,651.90
Aslam, Dru K	\$1.41	Clewley, Vicki & Timothy	\$33.84
Athos, Thomas	\$95.88	Cochran, Marion	\$525.93
Athos, Thomas	\$143.82	Conant, Douglass E & Melissa Rose	\$730.94
Atkins, Dianne	\$886.04	Court, Dennis W & Leanne M	\$1,909.70
Baker, James H & Kimberly	\$554.13	Crommett, Craig	\$1,603.73
Ballard, Glee C	\$1,510.11	Crosby, Donald	\$1,484.73
Bancroft, Ronald M & Sara Jane	\$3,921.21	Crossland, Linda A	\$383.52
Barrows, Freeman Jr.	\$748.71	Daku, Jacob G & Ginger	\$1,277.46
Bates, Robert S	\$1,436.79	Damren, Mayna	\$114.77
Beedle, Duane & Julie	\$404.67	Damren, Susan	\$449.79
Beedle, Duane & Julie	\$2,045.06	Davis, Jeffrey & Rebecca	\$697.10
Beers, Tammy S. & Gerald L.	\$190.35	Dernorsek, Denise E	\$25.32
Berry, Mark W	\$249.57	Dexter, Patrick Vernon	\$1,683.09
Berry, Mark W	\$1,966.22	Donnell, Robert P & Susan R	\$2,858.07
Berry, Mark W	\$391.98	Eaton, Nancy M	\$916.78
Berube, Gerard & Bonnie L	\$910.01	Ellis, Beverly & Diana	\$14.10
Best Apartments Inc	\$2,446.84	Ellis, Kimberly	\$1,039.73
Best Apartments Inc	\$1,712.15	Engel, John S	\$124.08
Bickford, Ronald E & Frances A	\$193.17	Farina, John P	\$3,395.04
Bickford, Thomas & Paula	\$979.10	Farris, Carol & Earl	\$294.69
Bonneface, Darlene	\$1,490.93	Farris, Carol & Earl	\$284.82
Bonneface, Darlene	\$191.76	Farris, Carol & Earl	\$286.23
Borssen, Arne & Sigrid	\$1,505.03	Farris, Carol & Earl	\$284.82
Bouchard, Samuel P	\$321.48	Farris, Carol & Earl	\$287.64
Breton, Forest	\$368.01	Farris, Carol & Earl	\$289.05
Brochu, Gerald R Jr. & Chantal M.	\$1,080.06	Farris, Carol & Earl	\$321.48
Brochu, Gerald R Jr. & Chantal M	\$1,266.18	Farris, Jacqueline L	\$287.64
Burc, Oral & Crandall, Nancy E	\$2,528.13	Feegel, Raymond & Stephanie Y	\$1,113.90
Burch, Kathryn	\$1,314.12	Feldhouse, Walter B	\$1,013.79
Bureau, Kenneth E & Dorna R	\$2,413.07	Feldmus, Aaron	\$1,411.41
Burgess, Alan C	\$190.35	Finley, Martin S Jr.	\$713.46
Burgess, Chris J	\$970.08	Fitzgerald, David Jr.	\$1,015.20
Burke, Sean F. & Roberta L	\$293.28	Flanagan, Bartlett & Elaine	\$4,307.55
Carey, James Jeffrey	\$2,124.87	Fowler, Clyde A Jr.	\$156.51
Cayer, Lionel A & Kathleen D	\$119.85	Fowler, Clyde A Jr.	\$1,622.91
CG Development	\$303.15	Frappier, George & Elizabeth	\$1,212.60

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2009 Unpaid Real Property Taxes as of December 31, 2009

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
French, Frederick E Jr.	\$156.51	Kochis, Paul B & Thersa S	\$2,331.29
French, Gail	\$780.29	LaFlamme, Monique	\$2,061.98
French, Gregory	\$1,443.84	LaFreniere, Gary L & Jean E	\$1,004.98
French, Helen	\$791.01	LaFreniere, Lance J	\$1,601.76
Fulling, Tammy & Nathaniel	\$2,655.03	Lambert, Dawn & Shirley, Tammy	\$1,909.14
Gagnon, Reginald J & Suzanne	\$746.68	Landry, Linda L	\$1,002.51
Gallant, Daniel Edmund	\$1,746.14	Languet, Jon A	\$2,219.34
Gawler, Meg	\$569.64	Larosa, Sebastian & Constance B	\$1,691.88
Gee, Carol	\$1,528.44	Lavenson, Joel	\$3,215.43
Geist, Mary Ellen	\$3,492.57	Lavenson, Joel & Crista	\$1,648.01
Gerrie, Mary P	\$403.26	Lavenson, Joel S & Crista C	\$7,708.90
Grant, Jeffrey R & Michele M	\$546.23	Leibfried, Edward & Sandra	\$2,109.36
Grant, Shawn	\$648.60	Lemelin, Deborah	\$21.15
Grant, Shawn & Berry, Mark	\$452.61	Leonhardt, Robert L Trustee	\$4,562.76
Grant, Shawn A	\$2,503.77	Levy, Howard M	\$3,120.33
Grant, Shawn A	\$709.23	Lewis, Don M II	\$3,123.71
Grant, Shawn A & Naomi S	\$1,948.62	Libby, Keith M	\$1,149.15
Great Pond Partners	\$10,951.47	Libby, Steven & Mae	\$1,004.48
Green, Wayne	\$243.93	Little, Rosemarie	\$1,182.14
Greenan, Richard & Sue Ellen	\$372.24	Lord, David F	\$614.76
Guite, Parris A & Pamela J	\$2,247.54	Mace, William	\$510.42
Hafford, Robert K	\$2,071.29	Mace, William E	\$293.28
Hartman, Lois Ann	\$1,322.31	Madore, Robin E	\$521.70
Harvey, Jane L	\$282.00	Maheu, Suzanne	\$6,629.82
Healy, Francis P Jr. & Jacqueline	\$2,048.94	Maplehurst Farms Association	\$39.48
Hill, Geoffrey W	\$37.91	Mare, Lawrence P	\$2,444.53
Hooper, Lucretia	\$902.96	Markham, Janice	\$2,016.30
Howe, Michael R Sr.	\$1,639.83	Marshall, Gilbert	\$78.96
Hunsicker, Caroline F	\$4,672.74	Mathieu, Lucien F & Barbara L	\$948.93
Hunt, Bob	\$1,394.49	McCray, Keith A & Donna L	\$668.46
Hutchings, Duane	\$578.66	McKay, Jack & Crystal	\$1,098.39
Hutchinson-Fontana, Diane	\$493.50	McManus, Peter B	\$3,173.91
Intriago, Charles A & Joy M	\$7,189.59	Megill, Mark	\$936.24
Jabar, John P Jr.	\$16,151.55	Melvin, Kevin	\$1,400.13
Jabar, John P Jr. Et Al	\$438.51	Merrow, Christopher	\$884.70
Jenney, Spencer	\$72.87	Michaud, Shawn	\$310.20
JF&AF, LLC	\$1,697.64	Mills, Joel K	\$212.91
Jordaan, Johannes H & Gigi C	\$3,663.18	Mills, Ronald	\$735.17
Kadnar, Keith J & Stephanie S	\$1,536.05	Modern Homes, Inc	\$38.07
Kany, Judy C	\$4,225.77	Modern Homes, Inc	\$35.25
Kelley, Jeanne	\$76.14	Moore, Barbara & Stanley B Jr.	\$3,031.50
Kennebec Camps Jr.	\$12,533.92	Neilson Realty Trust	\$77.55
Kenney, Cindy	\$33.93	Nickless, Chad & Kim	\$1,924.65
Ketch, Edward L Jr. & Beth	\$1,177.91	Orr-Atwood, Pamela	\$1,433.97
Kinney, Kevin C	\$1,660.13	Osborne, Gary M & Amy S	\$3,262.74
Kinsella, Michael E	\$180.48	Osborne, Paul	\$177.66
Knox-Viona, Jane	\$1,125.18	Partridge, Gerald	\$2,907.98

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2009 Unpaid Real Property Taxes as of December 31, 2009

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Partridge, Janice P	\$3,918.95	Stratton, Hal	\$69.09
Peck, Joseph & Darice	\$4,678.38	Stratton, Hal & Gayle L	\$1,188.63
Pelletier, Roger & Theresa	\$1,019.43	Stratton, Hal	\$93.06
Pepin, Robin L	\$1,784.21	Strohmeyer, Lawrence	\$3,017.96
Pepper, David	\$282.00	Sturk, Suzette	\$4,716.73
Pepper, David E	\$449.79	Sturtevant, Alan & Bette	\$262.26
Pepper, David E	\$2,370.21	Summit, Thomas G & Karen H	\$1,924.27
Pepper, Leslie M & Kerry J	\$1,624.88	Sweeney, Richard Edward	\$3,736.50
Philbrick, Paul C	\$1,285.07	Tardif, Lionel M	\$4,262.43
Pinkham, Catherine M	\$609.68	Terhune, Susan	\$760.51
Poulin, Cathleen L	\$1,380.95	Theriault, Daniel R	\$984.82
Pray, Edna Realty Trust	\$957.95	Thompson, Kimberly J	\$1,175.09
Preece, Robert J & Sharon E	\$122.67	Tilley, Osmer R III	\$1,649.70
Prentice, E Miles II & Katharine	\$4,238.46	Torchia, Jason J	\$353.91
Prentice, E Miles II & Katharine	\$260.85	Tripp, Marjorie	\$168.93
Purington, John	\$628.86	Tukey, Colleen	\$928.34
Rackleff, Loralie & Rideout, Vickie	\$1,835.91	Tukey, Peter	\$327.68
Raynes, David & Lucienne	\$2,444.94	Vintinner, Ralph & Michelle	\$2,845.38
Roberts, Joanne & Jack L	\$655.13	Vista Development Inc	\$35.25
Rogers-Stevens, Denise	\$761.40	Vista Development Inc	\$35.25
Rogers-Stevens, Denise	\$2,023.35	Vista Development Inc	\$70.50
Rogers-Stevens, Denise	\$2,054.37	Vista Development	\$35.25
Rogue Enterprises LLC	\$2,222.16	Wainer, Michael J & Wendi M	\$2,677.59
Rogue Enterprises LLC	\$2,488.65	Webster, Jamison	\$456.84
Sahagian, Herman D Jr.	\$128.31	Webster, John G & Sandra	\$2,549.28
Sandgren, Carl & Iona	\$1,320.32	Wedge, Brian & Megan	\$143.82
Saucier, James	\$2,904.60	Willard Family Limited	\$169.20
Savasuk, Keith S	\$207.27	Willey, Cecil	\$682.18
Savasuk, Kenneth & Donna V	\$300.00	Wilson, Betty	\$1,424.10
Seifert, Betty L & Walter K	\$579.51	Wilson, Robert W & Donna L	\$1,217.39
Serio, Frank & Pamela	\$2,852.99	Wood, Harvey & Joyce	\$1,979.64
Shirley & Lambert Associates, Inc	\$2,497.11	Works, Lynda Et Als	\$157.56
Shiverick, Dayle	\$1,700.59	Worthing, Jackie	\$825.41
Simpson, Peter & Shelly	\$3,032.91	Wright, Chester D & Karen S	\$651.42
Soucy, Carol L	\$1,333.01	Wright, James & Diane	\$297.74
Spaulding, Loyal & Marilyn	\$1,875.30	Zambelli, Stephen V & Barbara E	\$199.26
Spaulding, Loyal L Jr.	\$2,054.37	Zinda, Darla J	\$1,756.86
St. Pierre, Stacy	\$2,414.48	Zozula, Robert B & Maryann	\$4,331.52
Steinbeiser, Christian & Andrew	\$1,923.24		
Stevens, Betsy	\$726.15	Total	\$403,463.07
Stevens, Gregory	\$452.61		
Stevens, Keith M	\$300.33		
Stevens, Ormand	\$760.55		
Stevens, Ormand	\$21.15		
Stilphen, Brenda	\$1,442.43		
Stilphen, Brenda	\$2,742.45		
Stilphen, Brenda	\$177.77		

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2008 Unpaid Real Property Taxes as of December 31, 2009

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Adams, Stacie	\$134.22	Languet, Jon A	\$2,166.39
AMIK Realty LLC	\$8,676.37	Lemelin, Deborah	\$59.91
Beers, Tammy S. & Gerald L.	\$228.80	Leonhardt, Robert L Trustee	\$4,394.40
Berube, Gerard & Bonnie L	\$911.60	Lord, David	\$628.75
Bickford, Thomas & Paula	\$1,031.94	Madore, Robin E	\$546.34
Bonneface, Darlene	\$228.72	Marshall, Gilbert	\$115.31
Borssen, Arne & Sigrid	\$1,492.53	McManus, Peter B	\$3,081.15
Burgess, Chris	\$973.31	Megill, Mark	\$936.82
CG Development	\$330.15	Mills, Ronald	\$936.82
Childs, Kathleen (Life Estate)	\$931.42	Osborne, Gary M & Amy S	\$2,539.38
Cochran, Marion	\$45.30	Partridge, Gerald	\$2,716.04
Conant, Douglass E & Melissa Rose	\$753.51	Pepper, David	\$309.88
Davis, Jeffrey & Rebecca	\$712.98	Pepper, David E	\$382.84
Dunbar, Lisa M & Daryl I	\$157.20	Philbrick, Paul C	\$1,271.10
Ellis, Beverly & Diana	\$39.28	Pray, Edna Realty Trust	\$239.08
Engel, John S	\$111.26	Raynes, David & Lucienne	\$2,382.58
Feldhouse, Walter B	\$766.32	Saucier, James	\$2,828.39
Finley, Martin S Jr.	\$446.86	Serio, Frank & Pamela	\$2,126.93
Fitzgerald, David Jr.	\$1,012.49	Soucy, Carol L	\$668.58
Flanagan, Bartlett & Elaine	\$4,172.81	St. Pierre, Stacy	\$2,358.71
French, Frederick E Jr.	\$189.63	Stevens, Ormand	\$748.80
French, Gail	\$787.38	Stevens, Ormand	\$59.91
French, Helen	\$797.66	Stilphen, Brenda	\$1,421.90
Gerrie, Mary P	\$426.08	Stilphen, Brenda	\$2,667.69
Grant, Jeffrey R & Michele M	\$569.84	Stilphen, Brenda	\$386.90
Grant, Shawn	\$666.50	Stratton, Hal	\$224.76
Grant, Shawn A	\$719.29	Stratton, Hal	\$105.85
Green, Wayne	\$280.15	Strohmeyer, Lawrence	\$2,937.02
Guite, Parris A & Pamela J	\$2,193.42	Stuart House LLC (Rogue Enterprises)	\$2,424.47
Hafford, Robert K	\$2,024.53	Sturk, Suzette	\$4,548.79
Howe, Michael R Sr.	\$909.12	Tukey, Colleen	\$929.25
Hunt, Bob	\$16.21	Webster, Jamison	\$477.42
Hutchings, Duane	\$594.16	Webster, John G & Sandra	\$2,482.57
Kadnar, Keith J & Stephanie S	\$974.07	Wilson, Betty	\$756.59
Ketch, Edward L Jr. & Beth	\$1,168.41	Wood, Harvey & Joyce	\$1,936.69
Kinsella, Michael E	\$39.14	Wright, Chester D & Karen S	\$663.88
LaFreniere, Lance J	\$1,574.58		
Landry, Linda L	\$985.98	TOTAL	\$5,121.08

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2007 Unpaid Real Property Taxes as of December 31, 2009

Tax Acquired

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Bonneface, Darlene	\$227.48	French, Helen	\$518.87
Borssen, Arne & Sigrid	\$1,422.71	Gerrie, Mary P	\$414.61
Childs, Kathleen (Life Estate)	\$120.93	Grant, Jeffrey R & Michele M	\$552.31
Davis, Jeffrey & Rebecca	\$168.79	Mills, Ronald	\$710.29
French, Gail	\$751.40	Total	\$4,887.39

2006 Unpaid Real Property Taxes as of December 31, 2009 Tax Acquired

Name	Amount
Bonneface, Darlene	\$215.99
French, Gail	\$685.97
Grant, Jeffrey R & Michele M	\$109.46
TOTAL	\$1,011.42

2005 Unpaid Real Property Taxes as of December 31, 2009 Tax Acquired

Name	Amount
Bonneface, Darlene	\$206.26
French, Gail	\$596.78
TOTAL	\$803.04

2009 Unpaid Personal Property

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Ardito, Ralph	\$35.25	Pitney Bowes Global Financial	\$4.23
Baloons N Things	\$14.10	Popular Equipment Finance	\$29.61
Dell Financial Services, LP	\$15.51	Shirley & Lambert Assoc Inc	\$451.20
Devine, Donald A	\$49.35	Stilphen, Arthur & Brenda	\$100.11
Kennebec Camps Jr.	\$252.71	Wainer, Michael & Wendi	\$42.30
Kennebec Millwork Corp	\$2,608.50	TOTAL	\$3,656.34
Lakeside Camp Meeting Assn	\$49.35		
Muzak, LLC	\$4.12		

2008 Unpaid Personal Property

Name	Amount
Ardito, Ralph	\$32.13
Kennebec Millwork Corp	\$2,377.25
Pitney Bowes Global Financial	\$3.86
Shirley & Lambert Association Inc	\$411.20
Stilphen, Arthur & Brenda	\$91.24
Wainer, Michael & Wendi	\$38.55
Total	\$2,954.23

Misc. Unpaid Personal Property

Name	Amount
2007 Kennebec Millwork Corp	\$2,258.85
2006 Kennebec Millwork Corp	\$2,142.30
2005 Kennebec Millwork Corp	\$2,083.10
2004 Kennebec Millwork Corp	\$2,053.50
2003 Kennebec Millwork Corp	\$3,073.64
2002 Kennebec Millwork Corp	\$1,785.19
Total	\$13,396.58

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Abatements for 2009 Real Estate

Name	Amount
Clark, Robert & Kathy	\$164.48
Neale, Jeffrey T	\$375.22
Davis, David & Vicki	\$91.65
Frewin, Wesley & Cherry	\$382.11
Downing, Howard & Sally	\$136.98
Covelli, Nicole	\$1,195.68
Fontaine, Ted R	\$150.31
Nickless, Chad & Kim	\$805.11
Poverty Abatement	\$628.33
Poverty Abatement	\$1,093.59
Poverty Abatement	\$682.79
Poverty Abatement	\$680.25
Poverty Abatement	\$628.33
Poverty Abatement	\$1,093.59
TOTAL	\$8,108.42

Supplementals for 2009 Real Estate

Name	Amount
E P Construction	\$936.24
Vear, Lawrence A	\$1,400.65
Young, Steven A	\$1,195.68
Vear, Lawrence A	\$1,227.11
TOTAL	\$4,759.68

Abatements for 2009 Personal Property

Name	Amount
Inergy Propane, LLC	\$139.59
Pitney Bowes	\$4.23
Thomas Barton	\$78.96
Coca-Cola Bottling Co	\$186.12
Popular Equipment Finance	\$29.61
Captain J's	\$3.86
Captains J's	\$4.23
Rentway, Inc	\$53.21
TOTAL	\$499.81

Supplementals Personal Property

Name	Amount
Rowe, Rodney	\$78.96
TOTAL	\$78.96

Tree Growth Penalties

Name	Amount
Godleski, Amy & David	\$1,840.00
Stetson, George	\$10,219.60
Sinclair, Ralph & Wilcox, Pamela	\$80.20
TOTAL	\$28,699.80

Town Employees' Wages (Annual)

Town Manager	\$46,305
Selectmen	\$100/\$150 Mo
Town Clerk	\$35,173
Deputy Clerk/Registrar	\$24,024
Treasurer	\$38,645
Deputy Clerk/ Board Secretary	\$30,909
Maintenance/Sexton.....	\$26,894
Code Enforcement.....	\$19.85 Per Hr
Fire Personnel.....	FF \$11.55/Chief \$13.85, Chiefs Stipend \$22.14
Rescue	Emt \$12.00/chief \$13.85
Librarian.....	\$14.75/9.26 Per Hr
Animal Control.....	\$300 Per Mo
Transfer Station Manager	\$ 13.62
Transfer Sta/Roads' Laborer	\$10.30
Road Commissioner	Elected
Emergency Management	\$7.50 Per Hr
Recreation Director	Paid Through Alford Center

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Auditor's Report

KEEL J. HOOD

Certified Public Accountant

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

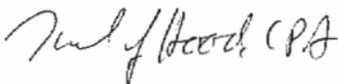
Board of Selectmen
Town of Belgrade
Belgrade, Maine

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, of Town of Belgrade, Maine, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, 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, 2009, and the respective changes in financial position, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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



January 29, 2010

Complete Auditor Report on file in the Belgrade Town Office

Statement 1
TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Statement of Net Assets
December 31, 2009

ASSETS	Governmental Activities
Current Assets:	
Cash	\$ 1,193,902
Cash - restricted	699,817
Receivables	
Taxes	451,449
Liens	95,346
Accounts	9,956
Total Current Assets	<u>2,450,470</u>
Noncurrent Assets:	
Capital assets net	7,231,933
Total Assets	<u>9,682,403</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	67,650
Total Current Liabilities	<u>67,650</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>67,650</u>
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	7,231,933
Restricted	699,817
Unrestricted	1,683,003
Total net assets	<u>\$ 9,614,753</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, 2009

Function/Programs	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenues
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating grants and contributions</u>	<u>Capital grants and contributions</u>	
Governmental activities:	\$				
General government	352,079	26,328			(325,751)
Public safety	243,659	1,843			(241,816)
Public works	746,476		49,766		(696,710)
Health and sanitation	232,613	33,025			(199,588)
Leisure services	251,137	48,666			(202,471)
Social services	77,342		854		(76,488)
Special assessments	5,176,739				(5,176,739)
Unclassified	87,912				(87,912)
Debt service	22,992				(22,992)
Total governmental activities	7,190,949	109,862	50,620	0	(7,030,467)
					<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Net (expense) / revenue					
General revenues:					
Property taxes					6,238,464
Excise taxes					643,278
Interest and costs on taxes					30,738
Intergovernmental:					
State revenue sharing					173,617
Homestead exemption					57,751
Tree growth					10,767
Other towns					4,700
Veterans reimbursement					1,389
BETE					9,220
Miscellaneous					38,567
Unrestricted interest					16,089
Restricted interest					7,143
Transfers in from trust fund					34,214
Other unusual activities:					
School consolidation refund					327,094
Total general revenues					7,593,031
Transfers and other					
Change in Net Assets					562,564
Net Assets - beginning					9,052,189
Net Assets - ending	\$	9,614,753			

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

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2009

Statement 3

	General Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 1,193,902	\$ 1,193,902
Cash - restricted	699,817	699,817
Receivables		
Taxes	451,449	451,449
Liens	95,346	95,346
Accounts	9,956	9,956
Total Assets	<u>2,450,470</u>	<u>2,450,470</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	67,650	67,650
Deferred property taxes	432,000	432,000
Total Liabilities	<u>499,650</u>	<u>499,650</u>
FUND BALANCES		
Fund Balances		
Reserved:		
Capital purchases	699,817	699,817
Unreserved:		
Designated for subsequent years		
Revenues	80,578	80,578
Expenditures	114,471	114,471
Undesignated	<u>1,055,954</u>	<u>1,055,954</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>1,950,820</u>	<u>1,950,820</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>\$ 2,450,470</u>	<u>\$ 2,450,470</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.	7,231,933
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-periods expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.	432,000
Net assets of governmental activities	<u>\$ 9,614,753</u>

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Statement 4

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

	General Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:		
Taxes	\$ 6,830,480	\$ 6,830,480
Intergovernmental	308,063	308,063
Charges for services	109,861	109,861
Interest	23,232	23,232
Miscellaneous	38,567	38,567
Total Revenues	<u>7,310,203</u>	<u>7,310,203</u>
Expenditures:		
Current:		
General government	350,892	350,892
Public safety	208,874	208,874
Public works	937,615	937,615
Health and sanitation	228,587	228,587
Leisure services	227,425	227,425
Social services	77,342	77,342
Special assessments	5,176,739	5,176,739
Unclassified	87,912	87,912
Debt services	22,992	22,992
Total Expenditures	<u>7,318,378</u>	<u>7,318,378</u>
Excess of Revenues Over		
(Under) Expenditures	<u>(8,175)</u>	<u>(8,175)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):		
Operating Transfers In (Out)	34,214	34,214
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>34,214</u>	<u>34,214</u>
Other Unusual Activity:		
School consolidation refund	327,094	327,094
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		
And Other Financing Sources (Uses) and Other		
Unusual Activity	<u>353,133</u>	<u>26,039</u>
Fund Balances - beginning	1,597,687	1,597,687
Fund Balances - ending	<u>\$ 1,950,820</u>	<u>\$ 1,950,820</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, 2009

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 353,133
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	376,283
Depreciation expense	(244,825)
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	82,000
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities	\$ <u>566,591</u>

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Statement 6

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Statement of Net Assets
Fiduciary Fund - Cemeteries
December 31, 2009

	Private Purpose <u>Trust Fund</u>
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 154,581
Investments	765,733
Total Assets	<u>920,314</u>
NET ASSETS	
Held in Trust	920,314
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 920,314</u>

Statement 7

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets
December 31, 2009

	Private Purpose <u>Trust Fund</u>
Additions:	
Investment income	\$ 129,482
Donations	1,400
Total Additions	<u>130,882</u>
Deductions:	
Administration	2,281
Total Deductions	<u>2,281</u>
Change in Net Assets	128,601
Operating transfer out	<u>(34,214)</u>
Change in Net Assets After Transfers	94,387
Net Assets - beginning	825,927
Net Assets - ending	<u>\$ 920,314</u>

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TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Budget Comparison Schedule
General Fund
For the year ended December 31, 2009

Schedule 1

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with final budget positive (negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Revenues:	\$	\$	\$	\$
Taxes	6,864,627	6,864,627	6,830,480	(34,147)
Intergovernmental	297,721	297,721	308,063	10,342
Interest	15,000	15,000	23,232	8,232
Charges for services	87,000	87,000	109,861	22,861
Miscellaneous	35,000	35,000	38,567	3,567
Total revenues	<u>7,299,348</u>	<u>7,299,348</u>	<u>7,310,203</u>	<u>10,855</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	388,297	388,297	350,892	37,405
Public safety	262,328	262,328	208,874	53,454
Public works	1,134,603	1,134,603	937,615	196,988
Health and sanitation	229,417	229,417	228,587	830
Leisure services	220,240	220,240	227,425	(7,185)
Social services	95,514	95,514	77,342	18,172
Special assessments	5,228,867	5,228,867	5,176,739	52,128
Unclassified	127,256	127,256	87,912	39,344
Debt service	22,992	22,992	22,992	0
Total expenditures	<u>7,709,514</u>	<u>7,709,514</u>	<u>7,318,378</u>	<u>391,136</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under expenditures)	<u>(410,166)</u>	<u>(410,166)</u>	<u>(8,175)</u>	<u>401,991</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating Transfer In	29,600	29,600	34,214	4,614
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>29,600</u>	<u>29,600</u>	<u>34,214</u>	<u>4,614</u>
Unusual Activity				
School consolidation refund			327,094	327,094
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses) and Unusual Activity	<u>(380,566)</u>	<u>(380,566)</u>	<u>353,133</u>	<u>733,699</u>
Fund Balance - beginning	1,597,687	1,597,687	1,597,687	0
Fund Balance - ending	<u>\$ 1,217,121</u>	<u>\$ 1,217,121</u>	<u>\$ 1,950,820</u>	<u>\$ 733,699</u>

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Annual Property Tax Mil Rate Calculation

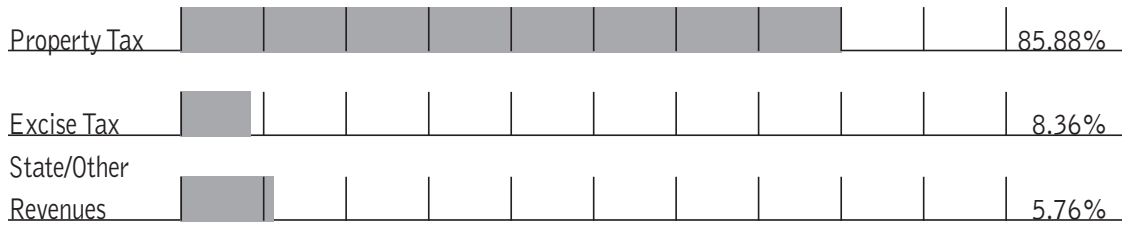
Municipal Budget	
+ Education (RSU No. 18)	
+ County	
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=	Total Expenditures
State Revenue Sharing	
+ Road Assistance	
+ All State/Federal Funding	
+ Vehicle & Boat Excise Tax	
+ License/Permit Fees	
+ Town Fees	
+ Other Misc Income	
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=	Total Non-property Tax Revenues
Total Expenditures	
– Total Non-property Tax Revenues	
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=	Net to be Raised by Property Taxes
Net to be Raised by Property Taxes	
+ Overlay (Max 5% of Net)	
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=	Commitment
Commitment	
÷ Total of Municipal Assessments	
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=	Mil Rate

2009 Property Tax Calculations

2009 Municipal Property Valuation	=	\$ 446,921,810
Total Revenues Required (School/Municipal/County)	=	\$ 7,276,821
Total Non-property Tax Revenues	=	\$ 1,027,350
\$ 7,276,821 - \$1,027,350	=	\$ 6,249,471 (Net Raised Through Taxation)
\$ 6,249,471 + \$52,127 (Overlay)	=	\$ 6,301,598 Commitment
\$ 6,301,598 ÷ \$ 446,921,810	=	.01410 Mil Rate
		(\$14.10 per \$1,000 of Valuation)

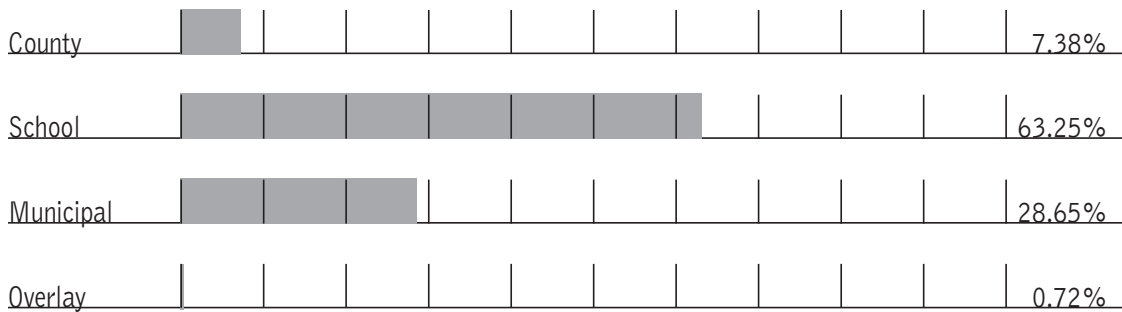
\$\$ The Town's Money \$\$

Where It Comes From

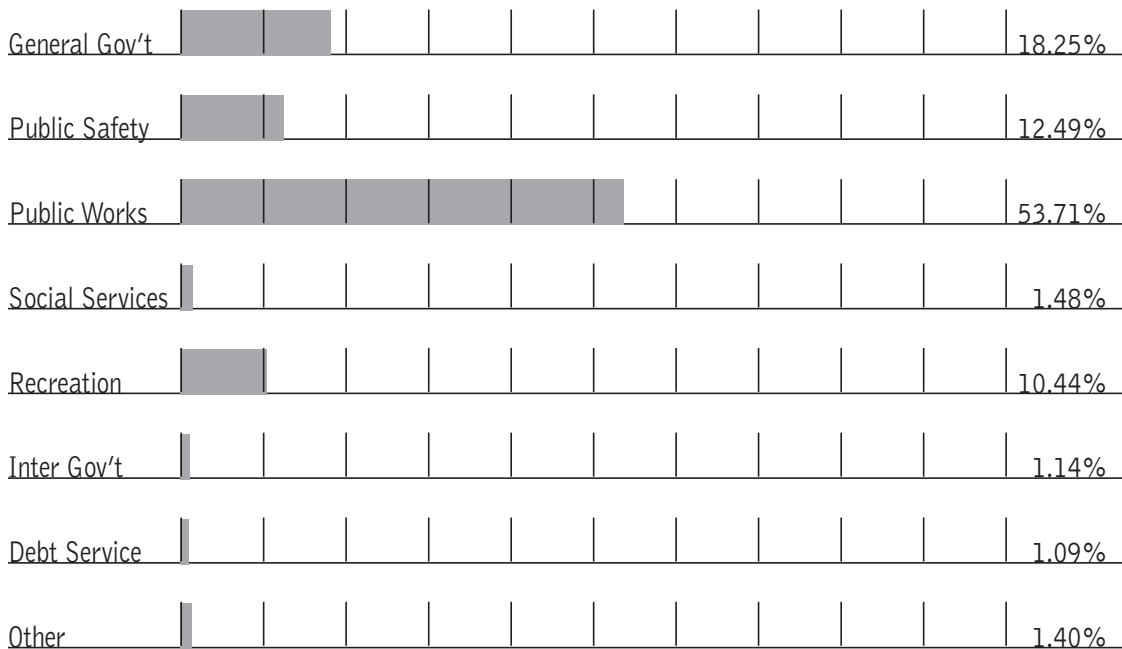


Where It Went in 2009

Analysis of Total Budget by Percentage



Analysis of Municipal Budget by Percentage



Treasurer's Cash Report

Cash Balance, January 1, 20091,059,031.85

Receipts:

Prior Years Property Taxes211,258.06
 Tax Liens114,656.87
 Accounts Receivable12,433.18
 State Licenses & Registrations (\$55.00 refunded)339,227.46
 Prepaid Property Taxes 20104,580.60
 2009 Property & Excise Taxes (\$1,303.51 ex. tx. refunded)6,518,781.29
 Licenses, Penalties & Fees (\$107.14 refunded).....90,332.08
 State & Local Governments567,751.92
 Recycling and Waste (\$1,510.22 refunded)33,964.00
 Unclassified (\$900.00 refunded).....88,168.09
 Reserves & Trust Funds104,517.21
 Due to Other Funds (\$3,681.10 refunded)16,258.08
 Advance CR/Bd Cks/Overpays11,207.29

Total Receipts8,113,136.13

Total Available in 20099,172,167.98

Disbursements:

State Licenses and Registrations339,664.96
 Net Payroll Deductions731.77
 Accounts Payable - Expenses50,926.77
 Transfers - Due to Other Funds.....79,028.24
 Refunds/Overpays/Abate (\$7,556.77/\$5,553.71/\$136.98)13,247.66
 Recoverable Expenses7,881.73
 General Government.....349,192.71
 Public Safety197,301.23
 Public Works989,599.27
 Solid Waste.....174,735.43
 Social Services24,116.93
 Recreation (Includes payment to A.Y.C.).....221,889.73
 Special Assessment5,176,739.23
 Inter-Government.....58,702.21
 Debt Service22,992.47
 Unclassified12,831.00
 Trusts & Reserves259,285.33

Total Disbursements7,978,866.67

Cash Balance, December 31, 20091,193,301.31

Treasurer's Budgetary Report

Expenditures

Area of Expenditure	Appropriation	Designated from 2008	Actual 2009	Lapse
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Board of Selectpersons	7,455.00		7,281.55	173.45
Emergency Requirements	7,500.00		136.46	7,363.54
Appeals Board	2,322.00		506.58	1,815.42
Administration (adj. PR + \$301.48)	259,187.00	2,420.00	249,829.54	11,777.46
Town Manager (adj. PR + \$1,397.54)	54,016.00		54,449.54	-433.54
Assessing	27,700.00		26,769.14	930.86
Planning/Appeals Board	6,202.00		1,640.91	4,561.09
Growth Management	7,319.00	2,626.00	7,416.13	2,528.87
Hearings & Elections	11,550.00		2,861.88	8,688.12
GENERAL GOVERNMENT TOTALS	383,251.00	5,046.00	350,891.73	37,405.27
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Constable/Civil Emergency	1,970.00		0.00	1,970.00
Fire Department (adj. A/P + \$4,344)	144,499.00		139,010.81	5,488.19 *
Rescue Squad (adj. A/P + \$6,849)	39,538.00		36,164.16	3,373.84 *
Code Enforcement	42,421.00		29,421.79	12,999.21
Street Lighting	8,900.00		8,897.47	2.53
Fire Dept. Capital Reserve	25,000.00		25,000.00	0.00
PUBLIC SAFETY TOTALS	262,328.00	0.00	238,494.23	23,833.77
* Carry Forward				
PUBLIC WORKS				
Road, General Maintenance	107,597.00	1,147.00	112,482.69	-3,738.69 *
Road, Paving	285,978.00	252,488.00	409,534.04	128,931.96 *
Road, Plowing & Sanding	383,314.00		358,687.29	24,626.71 *
Cemeteries (adj. PR + \$373.18)	36,570.00	27,900.00	53,225.49	11,244.51
Landfill Closure	6,146.00	19,100.00	6,146.00	19,100.00 **
Facility Maintenance Support (adj PR + \$870.75)	78,833.00		50,767.69	28,065.31
Solid Waste Management (adj.. PR + \$434.21)	229,417.00		175,169.64	54,247.36 ***
PUBLIC WORKS TOTALS	1,127,855.00	300,635.00	1,166,012.84	262,477.16
* Net Pd Roads Maint-Paving Capital Res. \$149,819.				
** Revert to Undesignated-unable to proceed with Chandler Rd. landfill remediation				
*** Pd to S.W. Capital Imp Fund				
SOCIAL SERVICES				
Health Officer	450.00		450.00	0.00
Town Historian	400.00		400.00	0.00
Animal Control	10,035.00		8,843.22	1,191.78
Memorial Day Ceremony	200.00		200.00	0.00
Donations	12,159.00		12,159.00	0.00
General Assistance	7,300.00		1,567.86	5,732.14
Emergency Fuel Fund	500.00		496.85	3.15
SOCIAL SERVICES TOTALS	31,044.00	0.00	24,116.93	6,927.07

Expenditures continued

Area of Expenditure	Appropriation	Designated from 2008	Actual 2009	Lapse
RECREATION				
Recreation Facilities	7,070.00		5,002.91	2,067.09 *
Center/ Seasons	50,925.00		46,239.87	4,685.13 *
Center Improvements (Article 50)	4,000.00		1,400.88	2,599.12 *
North Belgrade Community Center	6,425.00		6,204.25	220.75 *
NBCC (New Roof)	15,000.00		16,500.00	-1,500.00 *
Library (adj. PR + \$990.30)	46,320.00	1,000.00	40,811.12	6,508.88 **
Recreation Programs	89,500.00		89,492.00	8.00 *
RECREATION TOTALS	219,240.00	1,000.00	205,651.03	14,588.97
*Paid to the Recreation Capital Reserve \$8,080.00				
**Paid to the Library Capital Reserve \$5,508.00				
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS				
MSAD #47/RSU # 18	4,635,618.00		4,635,617.60	0.40
Kennebec County	541,122.00		541,121.63	0.37
Overlay	52,126.52		0.00	52,126.52
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TOTALS	5,228,866.52	0.00	5,176,739.23	52,127.29
INTER-GOVERNMENT				
Dams	10,000.00	70,485.00	48,802.21	31,682.79 *
Belgrade Tree Committee	4,000.00	3,400.00	0.00	7,400.00
Belgrade Lakes Alliance	9,900.00		9,900.00	0.00
INTER-GOVERNMENT TOTALS	23,900.00	73,885.00	58,702.21	39,082.79
* Carry Forward				
DEBT SERVICE				
TAN Interest	22,992.00		22,992.47	-0.47
DEBT SERVICE TOTALS	22,992.00		22,992.47	-0.47
UNCLASSIFIED				
Workers & Unemployment Compensation	13,331.00		12,831.00	500.00
UNCLASSIFIED TOTALS	13,331.00		12,831.00	500.00
TRUST FUNDS				
DC Stevens Enrichment Fund	15,200.00		14,986.98	213.02
DC Stevens Scholarship Trust	50.00		50.00	0.00
Scholarship/Town Portion	450.00		450.00	0.00
R.A. Guptill Historical Trust	440.00		451.46	-11.46
TRUST FUND TOTALS	16,140.00		15,938.44	201.56
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7,328,947.52	380,566.00	7,272,370.11	437,143.41 **
Total Lapse**		532,143.41		
Less Pd To Reserves		-212,654.00		
Less Carry Forwards		-114,471.00		
Total Pd To Surplus		105,018.41		

Revenues

Area of Revenue	Appropriation	Designated from 2008	Actual 2009	Lapse
PROPERTY & EXCISE TAX REVENUE				
2009 Real & Personal Tax	6,301,597.52		5,864,103.54	437,493.98 *
Supplemental	0.00		15,963.24	-15,963.24
Abatements	0.00		-12,001.30	12,001.30
Vehicle Excise	590,000.00		624,900.52	-34,900.52
Boat Excise Tax	18,000.00		18,377.10	-377.10
PROPERTY & EXCISE TAX TOTALS	6,909,597.52		6,511,343.10	398,254.42
LICENSES, PENALTIES & FEES				
Interest on Taxes	22,000.00		30,738.06	-8,738.06
Town Fee/Vital Statistics	18,000.00		18,570.25	-570.25
Licenses & Permit Fees	5,000.00		7,735.30	-2,735.30
Town Ordinances	0.00		22.44	-22.44
Cable Franchise Fees	35,000.00		35,229.11	-229.11
LICENSES PENALTIES AND FEES TOTALS	80,000.00		92,295.16	-12,295.16
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENTS				
Municipal Revenue Sharing	160,000.00		173,617.10	-13,617.10 **
Local Road Assistance	53,600.00		49,118.00	4,482.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	7,500.00		10,766.64	-3,266.64
General Assistance Reimbursement	3,650.00		853.98	2,796.02
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	800.00		1,389.00	-589.00
State Grants/Other Funds	800.00		647.82	152.18
Town of Rome	2,700.00		2,700.00	0.00
Town of Oakland	1,700.00		1,700.00	0.00
STATE & LOCAL TOTALS	230,750.00		240,792.54	-10,042.54
RECYCLING & WASTE				
Waste Disposal Fees	14,000.00		19,925.00	-5,925.00
Recycled Waste Sales	2,500.00		13,099.78	-10,599.78
RECYCLING & WASTE TOTALS	16,500.00		33,024.78	-16,524.78
UNCLASSIFIED				
Recreational Program Fees	47,500.00		47,500.00	0.00
Library Fees	0.00		795.50	-795.50
Animal Control	0.00		1,843.00	-1,843.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00		3,338.31	-3,338.31
Investment Income	15,000.00		19,340.74	-4,340.74
UNCLASSIFIED TOTALS	62,500.00		72,817.55	-10,317.55

Revenues continued

Area of Revenue	Appropriation	Designated from 2008	Actual 2009	Lapse
RESERVES & TRUST FUNDS				
R.A. Guptill Historical Trust	440.00		451.46	-11.46
Cemetery Perpetual Care	13,910.00		18,725.15	-4,815.15
D.C. Stevens Scholarship	50.00		50.00	0.00
D.C. Stevens Enrichment	15,200.00		14,986.98	213.02
RESERVE & TRUST FUND TOTALS	29,600.00		34,213.59	-4,613.59
GENERAL FUND				
Undesignated			0.00	0.00
GENERAL FUND TOTALS	0.00		0.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES	7,328,947.52	0.00	6,984,486.72	344,460.80
Total Lapse		344,460.80		
Add:Accounts Receivable (*2009 Property Tax)		-437,491.11	(Includes -\$2.87 Rounding)	
Less: Designated Revenues (**Municipal Revenue Sharing)		13,617.10		
Total To Surplus		-79,413.21		

Reserves and Trust Funds

COMMUNITY CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	31,862.04
Add: Interest to 12/31/09	439.98
Less: Due to General Fund	-3,500.00
Balance 12/31/09	28,802.02

FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	115,429.99
Add: Interest Earned	1,657.37
Appropriation (March 21, 2009)	25,000.00
Total Deposits	26,657.37
Balance 12/31/09	142,087.36

RESCUE CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	50,436.94
Add: Interest Earned	723.65
Appropriation (March 21, 2009)	5,000.00
Total Deposits	5,723.65
Balance 12/31/09	56,160.59

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD MAINTENANCE AND PAVING CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	57,589.64
Add: Interest Earned	839.64
2009 Unexpended to Reserve	149,819.00
Total Deposits	150,658.64
Balance 12/31/09	208,248.28

SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	38,260.11
Add: Interest Earned	548.59
Balance 12/31/09	38,808.70

SOLID WASTE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance 1/1	129,722.74
Add: Interest Earned	1,628.82
2009 Unexpended to Reserve	54,247.00
Total Deposits	55,875.82
Less: Due to General Fund	-53,417.10
Balance 12/31/09	132,181.46

RECREATION CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	50,320.19
Add: Interest Earned	637.43
2009 Unexpended to Reserve	8,080.00
Total Deposits	8,717.43
Less: Due to General Fund	-17,819.16
Balance 12/31/09	41,218.46

Reserves and Trust Funds continued

LIBRARY CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	13,571.23
Add: Interest Earned	185.19
Article 51-'09	5,000.00
2009 Unexpended to Reserve	508.00
Total Deposits	5,693.19
Less: Transfer to Library Technology Fund	(\$350.00)
Balance 12/31/09	18,914.42

ALICE MARY CRAM TRUST FUND

Balance 1/1	4,736.86
Add: Interest Earned	6.39
Balance 12/31/09	4,743.25

GUY A. YEATON CEMETERY TRUST FUND

Balance 1/1 (Principal 1,000.00/ Interest 2559.18)	3,508.50
Add: Interest Earned	50.68
Balance 12/31/09	3,559.18

LACROIX CEMETERY TRUST FUND

Balance 1/1 (Principal 10,000/Interest 2820.42)	12,637.88
Add: Interest Earned	182.54
Balance 12/31/09	12,820.42

CEMETERY WATER CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	2,305.19
Add: Interest Earned	33.04
Balance 12/31/09	2,338.23

CEMETERY PORTFOLIO

Balance 1/1	257,339.09
Add: Unrealized Gains/Losses	43,039.33
Income	7,396.16
Transfer 2009 Perpetual Care Payments	1,400.00
Total Deposits	51,835.49
Less: Agent Fees	-554.26
Transferred to CD	-7,118.79
Transfer Additional Dividends to CD	-1,400.00
Total Deductions	-9,073.05
Balance 12/31/09 (Market Value)	300,101.53

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST EARNINGS

Balance 1/1	119,626.14
Add: Interest Earned	1,728.92
Interest from Portfolio	7,118.79
Add'l Dividends from Portfolio	1,400.00
Total Deposits	10,247.71
Less: Due to General Fund (Article 44 '09)	-18,725.15
Balance 12/31/09	111,148.70

Reserves and Trust Funds continued

ROBERT A. GUPTILL HISTORICAL TRUST

Balance 1/1	13,618.46
Add: Interest Earned	196.36
Less: 2008 Interest to Belgrade Central School	-451.46
Balance 12/31/09	13,363.36

D.C. STEVENS SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

Balance 1/1	2,033.08
Add: Interest Earned	29.31
Less: 2009 Scholarship	-50.00
Balance 12/31/09	2,012.39

D.C. STEVENS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Balance 1/1	17,280.93
Add: Interest Earned	243.07
Interest From Portfolio 2009	9,140.30
Total Deposits	9,383.37
Less: Expended Due to General Fund	-14,986.98
Balance 12/31/09	11,677.32

D.C. STEVENS PORTFOLIO

Balance 1/1	394,829.18
Add: Unrealized Gains/Losses	62,959.57
Income	12,924.91
Total Deposits	75,884.48
Less: Agent Fees	-1,726.98
Transfer to CD 2009	-9,140.30
Total Deductions	-10,867.28
Balance 12/31/09	459,846.38

Proposed Municipal Budget for 2010

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

Area of Expenditure	2010(P)	2009	2008	2007
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Board of Selectpersons	14,955.00	14,955.00	14,955.00	14,955.00
Board of Appeals (Separated from Planning Brd '09	2,531.00	2,322.00	2,967.00	2,967.00
Administration	267,252.00	259,187.00	237,202.00	209,350.00
Town Manager	56,724.00	54,016.00	50,558.00	48,903.00
Assessing/Review	73,500.00	27,700.00	27,100.00	22,200.00
Planning Board	6,592.00	6,202.00		
Growth Management	7,319.00	7,319.00	33,000.00	0.00
Hearings & Elections	4,100.00	11,550.00	10,650.00	3,830.00
General Government Totals	432,973.00	383,251.00	376,432.00	302,205.00
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Constable/Civil Emergency	1,970.00	1,970.00	1,970.00	1,780.00
Fire Department	129,719.00	144,499.00	111,929.00	67,161.00
Fire Dept. Capital Reserve	40,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Rescue Squad	41,111.00	34,538.00	34,538.00	21,622.00
Rescue Capital Reserve	10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,000.00
Code Enforcement	33,847.00	42,421.00	21,513.00	14,342.00
Street Lighting	8,900.00	8,900.00	8,750.00	8,500.00
Public Safety Totals	265,547.00	262,328.00	208,700.00	142,405.00
PUBLIC WORKS				
Roads, General Maintenance	107,597.00	107,597.00	97,815.00	97,815.00
Roads, Paving	400,048.00	285,978.00	293,488.00	139,706.00
Widen Dunn Rd. - 2007	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,000.00
Roads, Plowing & Sanding	374,401.00	383,314.00	320,605.00	304,572.00
Solid Waste Management*	233,440.00	229,417.00	250,487.00	354,684.00
Cemetery	57,940.00	36,570.00	61,940.00	64,558.00
Landfill Closure	6,146.00	6,146.00	26,146.00	12,732.00
Facilities Maintenance Support	44,650.00	78,833.00	87,260.00	13,521.00
Public Works Totals	1,224,222.00	1,127,855.00	1,137,741.00	1,011,588.00
* Includes Recycling				
SOCIAL SERVICES				
Health Officer	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00
Town Historian	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
Animal Control	10,589.00	10,035.00	9,526.00	8,474.00
General Assistance	7,300.00	7,300.00	7,300.00	7,300.00
Memorial Day	200.00	200.00	150.00	150.00
Donations	21,166.00	12,159.00	17,389.00	16,764.00
Town Fuel Fund	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
Social Services Totals	40,605.00	31,044.00	35,215.00	33,538.00

Proposed Municipal Budget for 2010 continued

Area of Expenditure (cont)	2010(P)	2009	2008	2007
RECREATION				
Recreation Facilities	7,470.00	7,070.00	5,970.00	5,050.00
The Center for All Seasons	45,960.00	54,925.00	54,945.00	52,052.00
CFAS-Capital Maintenance Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
North Belgrade Community Center	12,035.00	21,425.00	36,820.00	5,255.00
Library	41,529.00	41,320.00	37,655.00	34,434.00
Library Capital Reserve	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Recreation Programs	89,500.00	89,500.00	89,500.00	77,500.00
Recreation Totals	201,494.00	219,240.00	229,890.00	181,291.00
INTER-GOVERNMENT				
Belgrade Lakes Conservation (2 Articles)	9,900.00	9,900.00	9,900.00	9,900.00
Dams	10,000.00	10,000.00	56,000.00	10,000.00
Belgrade Tree Committee	2,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Inter-Government Totals	21,900.00	23,900.00	67,900.00	21,900.00
DEBT SERVICE				
Tax Anticipation Note (Interest)	43,445.00	22,992.00	56,767.00	50,665.00
Debt Service Totals	43,445.00	22,992.00	56,767.00	50,665.00
UNCLASSIFIED				
Workers Compensation	8,525.00	8,181.00	8,900.00	9,250.00
Unemployment Compensation	4,112.00	5,150.00	5,500.00	5,381.00
Unclassified Totals	12,637.00	13,331.00	14,400.00	14,631.00
TRUST FUNDS				
D.C. Stevens Enrichment	16,400.00	15,200.00	20,800.00	20,800.00
D.C. Stevens Scholarship (2 Articles)	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
R.A. Guptill	195.00	440.00	790.00	575.00
Trust Funds Totals	17,095.00	16,140.00	22,090.00	21,875.00
Total Municipal Requirements	2,259,918.00	2,100,081.00	2,149,135.00	1,780,098.00
COUNTY & SCHOOL DISTRICT				
Kennebec County*	580,820.23	541,122.00	535,135.00	546,577.00
SAD #47*	4,635,618.00	4,635,618.00	4,373,875.00	4,220,923.00
County & School Totals	5,216,438.23	5,176,740.00	4,909,010.00	4,767,500.00
GRAND TOTALS	7,476,356.23	7,276,821.00	7,058,145.00	6,547,598.00
*Projected				

Proposed Municipal Budget for 2010 continued

Area of Revenue	2010(P)	2009	2008	2007
TAXES, LICENSES & PERMITS				
Vehicle Excise Taxes	600,000.00	590,000.00	600,000.00	600,000.00
Boat Excise Taxes	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
Town Fees/Vital Statistics	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
Licenses and Permit Fees	6,000.00	5,000.00	8,000.00	10,000.00
Interest and Cost Fees	25,000.00	22,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
Total Taxes, Licenses & Permits	667,000.00	653,000.00	662,000.00	664,000.00
STATE FUNDS				
Municipal Revenue Sharing	125,000.00	160,000.00	175,000.00	175,000.00
Local Road Assistance	53,600.00	53,600.00	53,600.00	53,600.00
Tree Growth Reimbursements	7,500.00	7,500.00	6,400.00	7,500.00
General Assistance Reimbursement	3,650.00	3,650.00	3,650.00	3,650.00
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	800.00	800.00	1,000.00	1,200.00
Other State Grants and Funds	800.00	800.00	800.00	1,100.00
Total State Funds	191,350.00	226,350.00	240,450.00	242,050.00
OTHER				
Cable Fees	35,000.00	35,000.00	26,000.00	30,000.00
Investments	15,000.00	15,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Recreational Program Fees	47,500.00	47,500.00	47,500.00	47,500.00
Waste Disposal Fees	17,000.00	14,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
Recycled Waste Sales	8,000.00	2,500.00	20,000.00	10,000.00
Total Other	122,500.00	114,000.00	118,500.00	97,500.00
RESERVES AND TRUST FUNDS				
Road Maintenance Capital Reserve	93,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
R.A. Guptill Historical Trust	195.00	440.00	790.00	575.00
Solid Waste Capital Improvement Fund	33,975.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
Recreation Capital Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
D.C. Stevens Scholarship	20.00	50.00	115.00	165.00
D.C. Stevens Enrichment	16,400.00	15,200.00	20,800.00	20,800.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	19,016.00	13,910.00	18,710.00	26,361.00
Cemetery Perp Care (CIMS)	11,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Reserves and Trust Funds	173,806.00	29,600.00	50,415.00	49,901.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL				
Town of Rome	2,700.00	2,700.00	15,120.00	2,700.00
Town of Oakland	1,700.00	1,700.00	9,520.00	1,700.00
Total Intergovernmental	4,400.00	4,400.00	24,640.00	4,400.00
FUND BALANCES				
Undesignated	150,000.00	0.00	250,000.00	200,000.00
Total Fund Balances	150,000.00	0.00	250,000.00	200,000.00
Total Non-Property Tax Revenues	1,309,056.00	1,027,350.00	1,346,005.00	1,257,851.00
Net Property Tax Requirement*	6,167,300.23	6,249,471.00	5,712,140.00	5,289,747.00
TOTAL REVENUES	7,476,356.23	7,276,821.00	7,058,145.00	6,547,598.00

*Projected

Town of Belgrade 2010 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 19th, 2010 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 27. 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 20th, 2010, at 1:00 P.M., to act on Article 28 to the end of the Warrant. In the event of inclement weather, a date of Monday, March 22, 2010, at 6:00 p.m., has been set, with the inhabitants of the Town of Belgrade to assemble and act on Article 28 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
One R.S.U. #18 Committee Member -three year term

ARTICLE 3 To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town adopt an "*Ordinance for the Recall of Elected Municipal Officers*" allowing for the recall of elected officials through a citizen petition process?

Note: This ordinance describes the circumstances under which a Town of Belgrade elected official may be recalled from office and specifies the process that must be followed for the recall.

In summary recall of an elected official may be recalled due to lack of attendance at Board of Selectpersons' Meetings, conviction of criminal acts, and actions taken by an elected official that are severe, shocking, and discordant with the elected position held.

The recall process is to occur through a petition process with a number of signatures equal to at least 10% of the number of voters in the most recent gubernatorial election but not less than 100 signatures.

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 of Belgrade amend Section 4 (a) of its Cemetery Ordinance to require policies developed by the Cemetery Committee to be subject to the review and approval of the Board of Selectpersons?

Note: This ordinance amendment would require the Cemetery Committee to bring any policies that they develop to the Board of Selectpersons for review and approval. This provision was an oversight in the original ordinance.

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

ARTICLE 5 To proceed with the voting by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town of Belgrade adopt amendments to the “Belgrade Municipal Street and Road Ordinance” dated March 2, 1996, as described in the document entitled “March 2010 Amendments to the Belgrade Municipal Street and Road Ordinance”?

Note: The proposed amendments incorporate the existing Town of Belgrade Driveway Permit Application into the ordinance ensuring that proper notification is given to the Town of Belgrade Road Commissioner; accepts the Road Commissioner’s recommendations for culvert replacement and construction, and provides for additional requirements prior to bringing a private road to the Town for acceptance as a town road.

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

ARTICLE 6 To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town adopt amendments to the “Subdivision Ordinance” dated March 4, 1988, as described in the document entitled “March 2010 Amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance”?

Note: The ordinance amendment addresses concerns to eliminate redundant and conflicting information on road construction standards that is already contained within the Subdivision Ordinance. The Planning Board recommends the amendments.

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

ARTICLE 7 To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town adopt amendments to the “Minimum Lot Size Ordinance”, dated November 5, 1991 as described in the document entitled “March 2010 Amendments to the Minimum Lot Size Ordinance”?

Note: The amendments in the “Minimum Lot Size Ordinance” addresses minor modifications that were made to the configuration of the requirements of house lots that do not have 200 foot frontage on the road. The Planning Board recommends the amendments.

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

ARTICLE 8 To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town adopt amendments to the “Floodplain Management Ordinance” and the Floodplain Maps, dated March 1999, as described in the document entitled “March 2010 Amendments to the Floodplain Management Ordinance and Floodplain Maps”?

Note: The changes are required by the National Flood Insurance Program which Belgrade has chosen to be part of in the enacting of the Floodplain Ordinance in March of 1999. The amendments to the ordinance include changes through the years of 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2002. The Planning Board recommends the amendments.

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

ARTICLE 9 To proceed with the voting by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town of Belgrade authorize the Board of Selectpersons to enter into an agreement with the Maine Department of Transportation, on terms favorable to the Town, to transfer to the Town 1.5 acres of land located at the corner of intersection of Route 135 with Routes 8 & 11, for the purpose of construction of a Salt and Sand Storage Shed?

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

ARTICLE 10 Shall the Town:

(1) approve a capital improvement project consisting of the construction of a salt and sand storage shed, including engineering and design costs, transaction costs and other expenses reasonably related thereto;

(2) appropriate the sum of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) to fund the project;

(3) authorize the Town Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board to issue general obligation securities of the Town (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000); and

(4) delegate to the Treasurer and the Chair the authority and discretion to fix the dates, maturities, interest rates, denominations, calls for redemption (with or without premium), form, and other details of said securities, including authority to execute and deliver the securities on behalf of the Town?

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

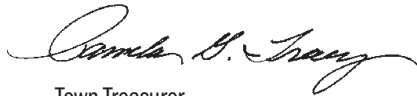
Total Town Indebtedness:

A.	Bonds outstanding and unpaid:.....	\$-0-
B.	Bonds authorized and unissued:.....	\$-0-
C.	Anticipated amount of bonds to be issued:	\$350,000
	Total:.....	\$350,000

Costs: At an estimated net interest rate of 4.5% for a five (5) year maturity, the estimated cost of this bond issue will be:

Principal:	\$350,000
Interest:	\$89,759
Total Debt Service:	\$439,759

Validity: The validity of the bonds and the voter's ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates, the ratification by the voters is nonetheless conclusive and the validity of the bonds is not affected by reason of the variance.



Town Treasurer

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

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 0

ARTICLE 11 Shall the Town of Belgrade:

(1) approve a capital improvement project consisting of the construction of a municipal center to house the Town offices, a heritage center, the municipal library, and space that will initially house the Belgrade Food Pantry (as an "at will" tenant with their use of the space based on the outcome of an annual vote by the Town), including engineering and design costs, transaction costs and other expenses reasonably related thereto;

(2) authorize the Select Board to appoint a committee that will make recommendations to the Select Board for its approval on the final design of the building and oversee the construction and completion of the project.

(3) accept donations of land, material, labor, marketable securities, grants, money, and other forms of in-kind donations in support of the project;

(4) appropriate all donations made for this purpose, along with an additional sum of up to Two Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,100,000), as the Select Board deems appropriate, to partially fund the project;

(5) authorize the Town Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board to issue general obligation securities of the Town (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Two Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,100,000);

(6) authorize the Select Board to sell the existing Town office and apply the proceeds from the sale to the construction of the new municipal center; and

(7) delegate to the Town Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board the authority and discretion to fix the dates, maturities, interest rates, denominations, calls for redemption (with or without premium), form, and other details of said securities, including authority to execute and deliver the securities on behalf of the Town?

Note: The Select Board currently anticipates a total project cost of approximately \$3,584,710, with that portion of the cost in excess of \$2,100,000 being covered by donations, grants, and sale of the existing Town Office. The proposed project will not exceed an estimated size of 14,680 square feet to meet the identified space needs for a municipal office, food pantry, history center, and library. The Select Board proposes to make a small, initial draw of funds (approximately \$80,000) under this authorization in order to conduct engineering and design work and determine a final project cost.

Given that the Town's anticipated proportionate share is approximately 60% of the total project costs, the Select Board further anticipates not moving forward with the construction of the facility until such time that funding from grants, donations, and sale of the existing Town Office (estimated at \$1,500,000 or 40% of the total project costs) is committed and/or available, or would be available prior to the completion of the project. If 70% of the funds are not available or committed by August 31, 2011 the Select Board proposes to report to the Town with its recommendation(s) on how to proceed.

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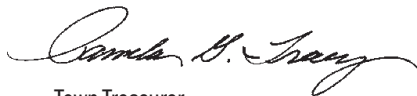
Total Town Indebtedness:

A.	Bonds outstanding and unpaid:.....	\$-0-
B.	Bonds authorized and unissued:.....	\$-0-
C.	Maximum amount of bonds to be issued:.....	\$2,100,000
	Total:.....	\$2,100,000

Costs: At an estimated net interest rate of 4.5% for a twenty (20) year maturity, the estimated cost of this bond issue will be approximately:

Principal:	\$2,100,000
Interest:	\$1,106,672
Total Debt Service:	\$3,206,672

Validity: The validity of the bonds and the voter's ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates, the ratification by the voters is nonetheless conclusive and the validity of the bonds is not affected by reason of the variance.



Town Treasurer

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 3 Against: 1 Absent: 1

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

ARTICLE 12 Shall the Town approve the following capital improvement project: To construct one building, not to exceed five thousand (5,000) square feet in area, which shall be used for the Town Offices, and the cost of which shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), including the engineering and design costs, transaction costs and other expenses reasonably related thereto.

Note: If approved the Board of Selectpersons will immediately charter a Committee whose task will be to develop the information necessary (i.e., securing a site, developing a design and providing a financial plan) to implement this article and draft a referendum question for approval by the town at the November 2010 referendum.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 1 Against: 3 Absent: 1

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

ARTICLE 13 To proceed with the voting by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town of Belgrade adopt an ordinance entitled "The Town of Belgrade Senior Citizen Volunteer Work Program" as allowed by 36 M.R.S.A. 6232 Section 2?

Note: If adopted, this ordinance would provide property tax relief to qualifying senior citizens up to a maximum of \$750. The ordinance would authorize the Board of Selectpersons to appoint and work with a committee to develop and adopt regulations establishing procedures and eligibility requirements necessary to implement the program.

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

ARTICLE 14 To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$135,460 to support the Recreation budget?

Center for All Seasons	\$45,960
Recreational Programs.....	\$89,500

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

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 0

ARTICLE 15 To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$41,529 to support the Library budget?

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

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 0

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

ARTICLE 16 To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town of Belgrade authorize the Select Board to continue the agreement dated April 21, 2009 between the Town and the Belgrade-Rome Special Needs Assistance Food Pantry with any associated costs to be considered as a donation by the Town to the Food Pantry.

Note: Currently costs to the Town associated with the pantry operation are approximately 500 square feet of space and electrical and heating costs with a value that is roughly \$2000/year.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 3 Against: 0 Absent: 2

ARTICLE 17 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: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

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

ARTICLE 18 To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to support the Belgrade Regional Health Center?

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

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

ARTICLE 19 To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$1,607 to support the Children's Center?

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 3 Against: 1 Absent: 1

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

- ARTICLE 20** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$2,975 to support the Family Violence Program?
Selectpersons Recommend: For: 1 Against: 3 Absent: 1
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 0 Against: 6 Absent: 0
- ARTICLE 21** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to support the Kennebec Behavioral Health?
Selectpersons Recommend: For: 1 Against: 3 Absent: 1
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 0 Against: 6 Absent: 0
- ARTICLE 22** 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: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 0
- ARTICLE 23** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$500 to support the K. V.C.A.P. Transportation Program?
Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 3 Against: 3 Absent: 0
- ARTICLE 24** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to support the McGrath Pond/Salmon Lake Association?
Selectpersons Recommend: For: 3 Against: 1 Absent: 1
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 3 Against: 3 Absent: 0
- ARTICLE 25** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$500 to support the Messalonskee Lake Association?
Selectpersons Recommend: For: 3 Against: 1 Absent: 1
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 4 Against: 2 Absent: 0
- ARTICLE 26** 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: 3 Against: 1 Absent: 1
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 0
- ARTICLE 27** To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$1,043 to support Sexual Assault & Crisis Support Center?
Selectpersons Recommend: For: 0 Against: 4 Absent: 1
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 0 Against: 6 Absent: 0

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

- ARTICLE 28** To see if the Town will vote to establish a "Water Quality Improvement Fund" to provide money to fund projects that will protect and preserve the water quality of our lakes.
Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

ARTICLE 29 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 2010 between January 1, 2011 and the date of the regular 2011 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 36MRSA 1074)

To, authorize the Board of Selectpersons to expend money from the municipal overlay to provide for property tax abatements.

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

ARTICLE 30 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 \$184,431.62 and to use \$150,000.00 of surplus funds to be dedicated to reducing 2010 property taxes.

Vote to set Friday October 14, 2010 as the date that the 2010 property taxes are due, and charge interest at the rate of 7% per annum on taxes paid after October 14, 2010, 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. (Note: 9% Maximum per State Treasurer)

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

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

ARTICLE 31 To see if the Town will authorize the following accounts be carried forward to the current year:

Elections	\$8,000
Planning Board	3,735
Long Range Planning	2,528
Fire Dept (equipment)	5,488
Rescue (equipment)	3,373
Code Enforcement (legal)	8,074
Cemetery.....	18,412
Facility Maintenance (garage).....	9,779
Facility Maintenance (bulk fuel tank).....	10,000
Facility Maintenance (install generator).....	5,000
Library (sound barrier wall).....	1,000
Dams	31,682
Tree Committee.....	7,400
Total Carry Forward	\$114,471

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

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

ARTICLE 32 To see if the Town will appropriate revenues from the following sources in 2010 to reduce the 2010 Property Tax Commitment:

Vehicle Excise Tax.....	\$600,000
License/Permit Fees	6,000
Town Fees	18,000
Boat Excise	18,000
Recycling Revenues	8,000
Waste Disposal Fees '09	17,000
Interest & Cost Fees.....	25,000
Cable Franchise Fees	35,000
Investment Income	15,000
Recreation Revenues	47,500
Total.....	\$789,500

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

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

ARTICLE 33 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$388,973 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.....	2,531
Administration:	\$267,252
(Town Office Operations, Maintenance, Admin Support, Wages & Benefits)	
Town Manager: (Salary \$47,106)	\$56,724
Assessing/ Review:	\$29,500
Planning Board:	\$6,592
Growth Management(KVCOG Dues)	\$7,319
Hearings/Elections:	\$4,100
Total Article	\$388,973

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

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

ARTICLE 34 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$44,000 for the purpose of performing a valuation of the Town.

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

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

ARTICLE 35 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$27,615 to support the cost of heat, lights and upkeep of recreational facilities for all of 2010. (Article 35 is required if Article 14 is defeated.)

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 3 Against: 0 Absent: 2

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 0

ARTICLE 36 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$10,332 to support the cost of salaries until 03-31-10 for the library, which includes any maintenance required for the whole of 2010. (Article 36 is required if Article 15 is defeated.)

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 3 Against: 0 Absent 2

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Absent 0

ARTICLE 37 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$22,980 to support the maintenance costs for the Center for all Seasons. (Article 37 is required if Article 14 is defeated and Article 15 passes.)

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 3 Against: 0 Absent: 2

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 0

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

ARTICLE 38 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$225,047 to support the following Divisions of the Public Safety Department:

Public Information Officer	\$970
Contracted Law Enforcement	1,000
Fire Department Operations	89,219
Fire Capital Reserve	40,000
Rescue Department	41,111
Rescue Capital Reserve	10,000
Code Enforcement Officer	33,847
Municipal Streetlights	8,900
Total Article	\$225,047

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

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

ARTICLE 39 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$30,500 to support the Public Safety Answering Point. (Estimates: call answering \$5,956, dispatch services \$7,445 and rural dispatch \$16,885).

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

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 0

ARTICLE 40 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to landscape at the Lakes Fire Station for protection against erosion.

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

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 0

ARTICLE 41 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: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 0

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

ARTICLE 42 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$482,298 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:	253,701
Fuel Surcharge	3,000
Sand & Salt:	117,700
Paving Advertisement	300
Total Article:	\$482,298

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

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 0

ARTICLE 43 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$306,548 for paving as follows, with any unexpended balance to lapse back into the Public Works Road Maintenance and Paving Capital Reserve Account:

	PENNEY RD 1.58 MILES	LOCATION RD .62 MILES	TBD 1.0 MILE	TOTAL
Grading Shoulders	\$13,825	\$5,425		\$19,250
Reclaim:	34,351	13,480		47,831
Paving:	167,620	65,775		233,395
Crack Seal:			\$6,072	6,072
Totals	\$215,796	\$84,680	\$6,072	\$306,548

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

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

ARTICLE 44 To see if Town will appropriate the sum of \$93,200 from the Public Works Road Maintenance and Paving Capital Reserve Account for the purpose of rebuilding and reclaiming the existing pavement, and repaving one-third (1/3) of a mile of the Horsepoint Road with any unexpended balance to lapse back into the Public Works Road Maintenance and Paving Capital Reserve Account.

Note: The current balance of the Public Works Reserve Account is \$208,248. Savings from the paving of 2009 allowed this amount to be available for maintenance of a portion of the Horsepoint Road.

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

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

ARTICLE 45 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$205,611 to support Solid Waste Operations and Landfill Monitoring, with up to \$5,000 lapsing into the Solid Waste Capital Improvement Fund:

Solid Waste Operations:	\$199,465
Landfill Monitoring: (Note: These monies are required by the State for the purpose of testing requirements)	6,146
Total.....	\$205,611

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

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 0

ARTICLE 46 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$33,975 from the Solid Waste Capital Improvement Fund for the following:

5 Storage Units.....	\$12,050
Ground Work	8,000
Reclaim, Pave & Crack Seal	13,925
Total.....	\$33,975

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

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 0

ARTICLE 47 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$44,650 to support Town Facility Maintenance:

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

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 0

ARTICLE 48 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$27,924 and appropriate \$19,016 from Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust earnings for a total of \$46,940 to support costs of operation and maintenance of Belgrade cemeteries for 2010. Itemized requirements are as follows:

Personnel Wages & Benefits.....	\$30,050
Services & Contracts.....	2,190
Supplies & Materials.....	6,950
Capital Outlay, Land & Equipment	7,500
Advertising.....	250
Total.....	\$46,940

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

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 0

ARTICLE 49 To see if the Town will appropriate from the Cemetery Perpetual Care Interest the sum of \$11,000 for the purchase of a Cemetery Information Management System.

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

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 0

ARTICLE 50 To see if the town will designate the portion of Town property (MAP 07/LOT 059B) adjacent to Pine Grove Cemetery, excepting that portion that is used as the Town Gravel Pit, to be used for future cemetery expansion.

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

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

ARTICLE 51 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$19,439 as compensation and support for the following Social Service Divisions:

Health Officer: (Stipend & Travel).....	\$450
Town Historian:	400
Animal Control Officer:.....	10,589
General Assistance:.....	7,300
Memorial Day:	200
Emergency Fuel Fund	500
Total Article:	\$19,439

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

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

ARTICLE 52 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. This article will remain in effect, until changed by a vote of a future town meeting.

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

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 0

Note: The Revenue donated to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of Maine for the 2009 tax year is as follows:

Boy Scouts of America.....	\$767.73
Girl Scouts of Maine	741.49
Total.....	\$1,509.22

***** RECREATION *****

ARTICLE 53 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$19,505 for the operations of the following divisions of the Recreation Department:

All Town facilities excluding Center For All Seasons\$7,470
North Belgrade Com. Center:12,035
Total Article:\$19,505

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

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 0

ARTICLE 54 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: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 0

ARTICLE 55 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: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 0

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

ARTICLE 56 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$5,600 as Belgrade's share of 2010 operating/maintenance costs of the region's three dams - Belgrade Lakes, Wings Mills, and Salmon Lake. Total projected cost in 2010 equals \$10,000 (Rome's share = \$2,700 and Oakland's share = \$1,700).

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

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 0

ARTICLE 57 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$11,900 to support the following entities:

Belgrade Tree Committee:\$2,000
Belgrade Lakes Conservation Corp:6,800
Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance3,100
Total Article:\$11,900

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

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 0

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

ARTICLE 58 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$43,445 to pay interest charges and costs associated with the Tax Anticipation Note in 2010.

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

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 0

*****UNCLASSIFIED*****

ARTICLE 59 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$12,637 to pay Workers and Unemployment Compensation premiums for all municipal employees.

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

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

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

ARTICLE 60 To see if the Town will authorize, designate or release the collective sum of \$16,615 as dictated by the following trusts and funds:

Authorize use of DC Stevens Fund Interest:.....\$16,400
Designate the DC Stevens Scholarship Interest: 20
Release the Robert A Guptill Historical Fund Interest:..... 195
Total Article:\$16,615

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 61 To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate an amount up to \$480 to supplement the Don C. Stevens Scholarship to equal \$500.

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

Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 0

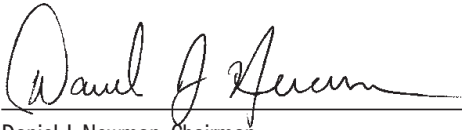
*****BUDGETARY AUTHORIZATION*****

ARTICLE 62 To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$1,049,869.53 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: 5 Against: 0 Absent: 1

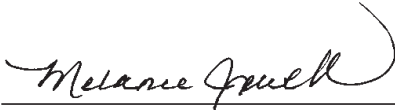
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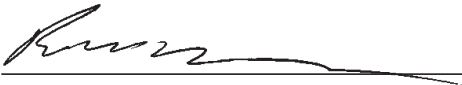
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Public Information Officer's Return

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, 2010



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