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2012 Annual Report



Town of Belgrade

**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

FOR THE YEAR 2012

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Report Dedication

Town Report Dedication Catherine (Kati) and John (Jack) Sutton 2012



The 2012 Town Report is dedicated to John (Jack) and Catherine (Kati) Sutton for their dedication and contributions to both community and town government. They not only lived and raised their family in Belgrade, but they gave back to community and town government through their generous contributions and years of involvement in community organizations, municipal government, regional and state organizations.

As you read the passages below provided by both family members and community members; and review both Jack and Kati's list of contributions, you will realize how fortunate the Town of Belgrade is to have a couple so dedicated to both their town government and community efforts.

The Town of Belgrade owes a great deal of thanks to this couple, so thank you Jack and Kati, the Town appreciates all you have given!

- Nancy Vailas and Richard Sutton, January 2013

"Our parents, Kati and Jack Sutton, moved to Belgrade in 1963 and this September will have lived in town for 50 years. Throughout the past half century they have been involved in countless activities and touched many lives here, raised a family and occupied the same house on West Road where, on a clear day, you can look over Long Pond all the way to Mount Washington.

Jack and Kati have a long and continuous history of service with the town. Back in the 1960's Jack was elected to the "Board of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor," and was a founding chair of the Planning Board from 1972-1975. He has served Belgrade actively in Budgeting, Long Range Planning, Recycling and other committees and was instrumental in establishing the Health Center. If you ever have the occasion to spend some time with him at the Transfer Station you will be amazed to learn of the many ways that he and others have continuously

improved the efficiency and output of what used to merely be a town dump.

Our parents have always loved the property on West Road. In the 1960's and 70's they maintained large gardens here and we kids sold the vegetables from a little stand in the summer. Jack and Kati planted and managed the last working orchard in Belgrade, growing numerous varieties of apples and selling them both from the barn and wholesale to other Maine orchards.

For many years the Boy Scouts used the big red barn as a collection and storage location for newspaper drives, in which tons of newsprint from all over town were gathered, sorted, baled and finally shipped to Keyes Fibre Company in Waterville where the old paper was converted to fruit trays and other molded pulp products. These early paper drives were some of Belgrade's first efforts at recycling and were a welcome source of revenue for the Scouts.

Kati was active with Brownies and Girl Scouts and even Boy Scout Troop 453 for a time. She founded the Town Library Committee with Loyce Hayslett and Nancy Mairs and volunteered for years at the Information Center on Route 27, sometimes staffing it alongside her mother Kate Brandenburg. Both were fluent in German and they would occasionally describe local attractions to happily surprised European tourists without ever breaking into English.

The property on West Road has always been a popular location for birds and bird watching. Few people know that one of the most famous ornithologists of the 20th century, Olin Sewall Pettingill, was born in Belgrade and spent his summers on the hill as a child. Kati and Jack continue to enjoy watching the flocks of turkeys along with the ravens, swallows and bluebirds that live here or visit, and listening for the loons that hoot down on Long Pond on quiet summer nights."

Judy Johnson:

"Kati was instrumental in starting the Friends of the Belgrade Public Library. In addition she was the person to complete the paperwork to make the Friends a private, non-profit 501 (c) (3). She started the Endowment Fund for the Friends and was involved at the very beginning and for about five more years after she started the organization. When I came on board she had slowed down because of her health. I have continued to keep her up-to-date on what is happening with the Friends, because without her guidance at the beginning, there would be no Friends organization". Katie helped us to have a library at Belgrade Central School, when no library existed for our children. Kati, Nancy Mairs, Loyce Hayslett, Marie Pulsifer and I did the work for the school library."

Mary Vogel:

"No matter what Jack is involved in, he brings a considerable amount of knowledge, dedication, and consideration, and always makes a conscious effort to hear all sides of any discussion. He shares a selfless concern for others in the community."

Dennis L Keschl:

"As a former Town Manager and Belgrade resident for over 30 years, I know how important that both Jack and Kati have been to the betterment of our small town. Jack has been involved in virtually every aspect of town government for over 50 years. His thoughtful and analytical approach to the many problems we faced by during this time has led to more effective and efficient municipal government, elimination of unnecessary expenditures...thus lower property taxes, while improving services delivered to our citizens. As the current State Representative for Belgrade, I can also attest to his positive influence on issues that are important to our region and state. He is truly an "opinion leader"! I offer my sincerest thanks and appreciation to both Jack and Kati for their lifetime of giving to our town, region, and state."

Gregory E. Gill / Town Manager

"When Jack hears about the Town Report being dedicated to him and Katherine I am sure he will say, "Well thank you; but, I'm not done yet". Jack attends Select Board meetings; he still serves on the Budget Committee, Road Committee, and the Solid Waste & Recycling Committee. I don't know of any other resident that gives more time to the community than Jack Sutton does. Jack always has input at every meeting he attends and when Jack talks people listen. Every week, Jack e-mails me, calls me or just stops in. Utilizing his engineering background, Jack has

developed many ideas that have directly benefited the community. He is very educated and knowledgeable on all aspects of Town government and is a true professional at all times. Belgrade is a better community to live in because of Katherine and John Sutton.”



Kati & Jack's Contributions to Community

1963	Jack, Kati and daughter Nancy (2) moved to Waterville from Hawthorne, N. J. May: Jack joined Keyes Fibre Com. May 1 September: family moved to Yeaton place in Belgrade: son Richard born
1966	Jack elected to Board of "Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor"
Jack	
1967-'68	Board of Selectmen (chair)
1969-'71	Belgrade Budget Committee
1972-'75	Belgrade Planning Board (founding chair)
1984-'85	Belgrade Budget Committee
1986-'90	Jack & Kati to Stamford, CT. for Keyes Fibre Co. Kept place in Belgrade
1993	December: retired from Keyes Fibre Co.
1994-present	Belgrade Budget Committee
1996-2004	Belgrade Long Range Planning Committee (chair)
2005-present	Belgrade Transfer Station & Recycling Committee
	<u>Other Current Interests</u>
	Maine Rail Group
	Maine Better Transportation Association
	Kennebec Valley Community College Foundation
	Belgrade Comprehensive Plan Update
	Family Land Management
Kati	
	Brownie Troop Leader
	Active with Girl Scouts
	Boy Scout Troop Committee (chair)
	Sunday school teacher – Old South Church
	Formed Library committee with Loyce Hayslett & Nancy Mairs
	Volunteered at Belgrade Information Center
	Raised Vegetable gardens
	Managed small orchard
	Cared for retired parents

Memorial Dedication

Abbot Ladd

Abbott married his wife, Miriam, on June 15, 1948. He earned a degree in forestry in 1951 and worked for Great Northern Paper Company at Pittston Farms. He worked for the U.S. Postal service and joined the Maine Forest Service. From there Abbott moved on to work for Oxford Paper Company and became a Tree Farm Family Forester until he retired in 1987. He became the first executive director of the Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine in the early 90's and left to work on his woodlot and Christmas Tree Farm fulltime.

Abbott enjoyed church activities, music and spending time with his family. He earned and received many awards for his work in the field of forestry. Some of his accomplishments; Elected a Fellow of the Society of American Foresters in 1988, State Runner Up Outstanding Tree Farm in 2005, and was awarded an Outstanding Forest Steward and Kennebec County Tree Farmer Award for 2012.

At the age of 86 he was still selling Christmas trees, cutting his own wood, and serving on the Maine Tree Farm Committee as county chairman. Abbott did not stop there he got involved with Town Government and joined the Tree Committee in 2008 using his knowledge and expertise to assist the Tree Warden and other committee members, and remained active on the committee until his death. His knowledge of forestry and the manner in which he shared that knowledge was invaluable to other members of the Tree Committee and to other forest land owners. Abbott was a dedicated member of the committee and attended nearly all of its meetings and work events. If he was not present or had to leave early, it would only be for one of his other passions, the R.B.Hall Band.

The Town of Belgrade is forever grateful to Abbott for sharing his knowledge and expertise and for his service to the community.



Memorial Dedication

Frederick (Fred) Zinckgraf

Fred married Barbara and raised three children. Fred lived an extraordinary life filled with what could be called, "The sound of music". He was self taught and traveled the world entertaining troops during his service to his country, while he was in the Army. Fred was very patriotic and loved his country. He had an extraordinary, kind, sincere personality and always considered others and was loved by everyone he met. He loved talking about politics and other matters of the day, and he always had a twinkle in his eye and a smile on his face, while engaging others in conversation. He often volunteered to play his music at many town events and fundraisers; it was a privilege to be in attendance to listen to him play his accordion or the piano. One could say, he so loved making music, that it was his passion.

The Town of Belgrade would like to thank Fred for leaving us with so many fond memories. Thank you sincerely, Fred, for sharing with the Town of Belgrade, its residents, children and visitors the fond memories and filling our lives with the "Sound of Music".



Memorial Dedication

Carolyn Alexander

Carolyn married Charlie Alexander and raised 12 children in North Belgrade. She loved caring for her large family, and was employed by C.F. Hathaway. She was a caregiver to several elderly residents. Carolyn volunteered at the Muskie Center, was a member of the North Belgrade Garden Club, a faithful member of the North Belgrade Baptist Church and a volunteer of the Belgrade-Rome Food Pantry.

Carolyn was a very dedicated volunteer for the Belgrade Food Pantry. The churches in the area solicited two or three items a month for food that was needed at the time , and Carolyn took on this responsibility for the North Belgrade Baptist Church. She worked for the Food Pantry well into her eighties, she would faithfully check with the volunteers at the Food Pantry to inquire what was needed and then she would deliver the food that was collected for the month. Carolyn was a very reliable and dedicated volunteer. The North Belgrade Church members and especially Carolyn were determined to help feed the hungry. Her dedication and service to the community was appreciated, and the smile on her face while working in this capacity was contagious.

The Town of Belgrade would like to thank Carolyn for her service to the community, and the town will forever remember her contributions.



Memorial Dedication

Philip Cobb



Phil married his wife Elizabeth Cobb and raised four children together. Phil was dedicated to serving the Town of Belgrade in a variety of ways most people were not aware of. He served on the Budget Committee for the town for a period of time that spans over 20 years. He was one of the largest financial supporters of the establishment of a new library in town.

Please read “Thanks for the Library” letter in the town report, submitted by Nancy Mairs, to truly understand the kind of person Philip Cobb was and what was important to him.

Pam Cobb:

Some of you knew Phil when he began volunteering in Belgrade with water quality and the library and Belgrade education. Here’s a little more about him: Phil Cobb was born in Denmark, Maine in 1927. He attended The George School, the University of Florida at Gainesville (Bachelors of Education) and Rutgers University (Masters of Education). Phil served in the U.S. Navy. He loved organized children’s camps and spent more than seventy five years in camping, co-directing Camp Runoia in Belgrade Lakes for over 50 years. He was an administrator of the John Witherspoon School in Princeton, NJ for over thirty years after teaching history at the Nassau Street School in Princeton. He also volunteered for the Maine Youth Camping Association, the Maine Attorney General’s Office and the Natural Resource Council of Maine. He served in the Senior Peace Corps in the Philippines.

Recently someone commented, “Your dad donated computers to the elementary school before we knew what computers could be used for – he always made you feel special and I’ll never forget his kindness and broad smile”. That’s the way we remember him, too.

Jack Sutton:

Phil Cobb and I served together for a time on the town Budget Committee. He set an outstanding example for balancing deep concern for the town's financial health and property tax rates with the ongoing demands of change, growth and protection of this community's precious environment. It was a pleasure to work with Phil.

Sandy Cobb:

"My Dad was an amazing man. His work often took him away from home.....but we all know this is the sacrifice which turns a town into a lovely community. My Dad touched people's lives, he was just raised this way; to serve. I miss him."

The Town of Belgrade would like to thank Phil and his family for his service to the Town, and for his contributions to community.



Memorial Dedication

Roger Pelletier

Roger married his wife Theresa and raised three daughters. He attended school in Waterville and graduated in 1966. He was a fireman for more than 37 years.(Waterville for 10 years and Belgrade for 27 years) He was appointed Assistant Fire Chief for the North Belgrade Fire Station in 1996 and held this position until 2008. He volunteered his time and services to the Town's inter-local Dam Committee as a representative for the Town of Belgrade from 1996 to 2008. Roger loved his family and enjoyed fishing, which encouraged him to open up Nicki's Tackle where he could be found custom tying his own hooks. He enjoyed being involved in many town events and giving to community.

The Town of Belgrade would like to thank Roger and his family for all his service to the Town and for sharing Roger with the town. The town will always remember his contributions.



Honoring those who are serving in our Nation's military!

The Town of Belgrade honors all of its veterans! However, the purpose of *this* section of our Town Report is to honor those who are currently serving in our armed forces. As the poet Charles M. Province reminds us in his poem "It Is the Soldier":

*It is the Soldier, not the minister
Who has given us freedom of religion.*

*It is the Soldier, not the reporter
Who has given us freedom of the press.*

*It is the Soldier, not the poet
Who has given us freedom of speech.*

*It is the Soldier, not the campus organizer
Who has given us freedom to protest.*

*It is the Soldier, not the lawyer
Who has given us the right to a fair trial.*

*It is the Soldier, not the politician
Who has given us the right to vote.*

*It is the Soldier who salutes the flag,
Who serves beneath the flag,
And whose coffin is draped by the flag,
Who allows the protester to burn the flag.*

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With these words in mind, we honor the following men and women from Belgrade, currently serving in the military, for their service and sacrifice to our community, state, and nation and extend to them our sincerest thanks and appreciation!

To honor all soldiers and veteran's, the town is setting up a page on its website for family and friends to submit the following information to be posted on the town site so care packages, letters and cards may be sent to support our troops.

Rank/Name/Photo
Branch of Service
Station, etc

"A veteran - whether active duty, retired, national guard or reserve - is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America", for an amount "up to, and including my life". That is honor, and there are way too many people in this country who no longer understand it." Author unknown

Reference Numbers

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Fax495-2742
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Town Manager

Gregory E Gill..495-2258

Road Commissioner

Kevin Hawes..495-2258/3412

Fire Wardens- Burning Permits

Dan MacKenzie..446-0603
Mark Day.. 495-3840, 660-2476
Ed Ketch, Jr...495-3861, 242-7727
Scott Damren...215-1021
Bruce Plourd..441-1651
Bruce Galouch...495-3660

Code Enforcement-Plumbing Permits

Gary Fuller..495-3868(H)
(C)- 441-5302

Health Officer

Katherine Riddle...465-3351(H)

Emergency Management Director

Mark Belserene, Director..495-8813
Ed Ketch, Jr. Ass't Director.495-3861

Animal Control

Kathy Ross...441-7121

Center for All Seasons

Valencia Schubert, Director..495-3481

Public Information Officer

Jeremy Damren..495-2258

Belgrade Public Library

Marcia Haigh, Librarian..495-3508

Transfer Station

495-3326

Belgrade Central School.. 495-2321

RSU 18 Superintendent..465-7384

Messalonskee High..465-7381

Messalonskee Middle..465-2167

Emergency Numbers

Belgrade Fire Department.....911
Belgrade Rescue Squad911
Kennebec Sheriff's Department 1-800-498-1930
Maine State Police.....1-800-452-4664
State Warden Service1-800-292-7436

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

This report was prepared in February 2013 with 1500 copies printed. Copies are available at the Town Office, Days Store and the Center for All Seasons. For information contact the Town Office at (207)495-2258.

More "Handy" Information

Town Office Hours of Operation:

Monday-Wednesday.....8:00 am-4:30 pm
Thursday8:00 am-7:00 pm
Friday8:00 am- 4:30 pm
Saturday- Open the last Saturday of the month April-June 9:00 am-Noon.

Selectperson Board Meetings

The first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in 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.....1800-336-9988 or 623-5145

Belgrade Post Office

Post Master Laurie Sherwood- 495-2011

Postmaster Loretta McNichol, retired

Belgrade Lakes Post Office

Postmaster Dexter Bridges: 495-2064

Voting and Town Meetings:

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

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/Registrar of Voters, a Deputy Clerk, 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

2,558

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 Road

Union Methodist Church- Belgrade Lakes Village

St. Helena's Church- Belgrade Lakes Village

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

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

Local Business

Hammond Lumber Company
P O Box 500
Belgrade, ME
495-3303

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

Tukey Brothers
480 Smithfield Rd
Belgrade, ME
465-3570

Foundations

Veilleux Concrete
4 Eagle Lane
Belgrade, ME 04917
495-2047

Electrical Contractors

Edward Ketch, Jr
256 Augusta Road
Belgrade, ME
495-3861

Kyle Wescott
191 Location Road
Belgrade, ME
495-2929

William Gee, Jr
169 Oakland Rd
Belgrade, ME
495-2167

Beavis Electric
52 Oakwood Dr.
Belgrade, ME
495-3233

Kaplan Electrical
276 Oakland Rd
Belgrade, ME
495-2622

Dick's Electric
18 Kayak Lane
Belgrade, ME
465-4515

George Brown
60 Abena Shores Dr
Belgrade, ME 04917
495-2600

Plumbing Contractors

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

Steve Young
Belgrade Plumbing & Heating
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Belgrade, ME
495-2189

Bruce Galouch
Bob the Plumber
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495-2942

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495-3805

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495-9326

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495-7747

Steve Young
Belgrade P&H
420 Manchester Rd
Belgrade, ME
495-2189

Bob The Plumber
976 Wings Mills Road
Belgrade, ME
495-2942

Building & Carpentry Contractors

EP Construction
Eric Pelletier
P O Box 205
Belgrade Lakes, ME
495-2702

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Belgrade, ME
465-9522

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495-2913

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Belgrade, ME
465-3035

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457 West Road
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495-3885

Paul Stevens
Stevens Property Man.
478 Smithfield Road
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861-2545

Guido's Construction
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Belgrade, ME
495-3632

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495-2755

James Vogel
204 Location Road
Belgrade, ME
495-2913

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495-2492

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Belgrade, ME
314-0451

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323 Augusta Road
Belgrade, ME
458-0779

Jerry Steiner
Steiner Floors
31 Oakwood Drive
Belgrade, ME
495-6028

General Contractors

Maurice Childs
176 Oakland Road
Belgrade, ME
495-2145

David Stevens
103 Grandview Dr
Belgrade, ME
465-3815

Hallowell Construction
70 Damren Road
Belgrade, Me
465-3344

Mike Pooler
Belgrade Boat Rentals
& Storage
Light Trucking & Backhoe
41 Pinkham's Cove Rd
Belgrade, ME
495-3415

Jason Stevens
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Septic Systems
& Excavation
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Belgrade, ME
465-8254

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Selective Wood
Harvesting, Trucking
12 Augusta Rd
Belgrade, ME
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George Brown
60 Abena Shores Dr
Belgrade, ME
495-2600

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P O Box 407
Belgrade, ME
831-7053

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5 Parlin Drive
Belgrade, ME
458-9538

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

Printers

Colorstorm
P O Box 252
Belgrade, ME
592-5990

Self Storage

Great Pond Self Storage & Construction
28 Old Route 27
Belgrade, ME
495-2363

Docks, Lifts & Trailers

George Brown
60 Abena Shores Dr
Belgrade, ME
495-2600

**Belgrade's Elected Representatives
To the State Government**

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District 18

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645-3420 Residence
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Email: drtom16@hotmail.com

Representative Dennis L Keschl®

District 83

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Belgrade, ME 04917
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**Belgrade's Elected Representatives
to the Federal Government**

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Email: senator@collins.senate.gov

Senator Olympia Snowe (R)

154 Russell Senate Office Building, Washinton, DC 20510
202-224-5344.Fax: 202-224-1946

Representative Chellie Pingree (D)

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202-225-6116.Fax: 202-225-5590

2012 Town Officers

PLANNING BOARD

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

Stephen Foster (13)	Peter Rushton, Chair (14)
Roger Derosier,(15)	Alternate, Vacancy
Richard Baker (14)	Gary Fuller, CEO
Daniel Trembly (13)	Katelyn Foster, Secretary

BOARD OF APPEALS

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

Tammy Fulling (14)	Donald Smith (15)
Kerri Hammond (13)	Valton Wood (13)
Michael Barrett, Chair (15)	Kelly Webster (13)
Matt Scott (14)	Dianne Atkins, Secretary

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Three members with staggered three-year terms, with two alternate members

Scott Fortin (15)	Richard Bourne (14)	Vacancy (14)
Vacancy, Alternate members		

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Six members with staggered three-year terms.

Charles Grover , Vice Chair(15)	John Sutton (14)	Tom Strezewski , Chair (13)
Howard Holinger (15)	Laura Hudson (13)	Michael Benecke (14)

DAMS COMMITTEE

Four Belgrade members with staggered three-year terms.

Robert Early (14)	Doug McCafferty (12)
Dennis Purington, Chair(13)	George Hoy (12)
Peter Sargent, Alternate, (13)	

BOARD OF PARKS & RECREATION

Ten members with staggered three-year terms.

Kellie Guarino (15)	Laura Hoeft (15)	Joe Adlam (14)
Kristen Bequeath (13)	Linda Bacon (15)	Donna Nale (14)
Adelaide Lalime (13)	Mark Ardito (14)	Tracy Wright (13)
Michael Godleski (13)	Two Alternate Vacancies	

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 (16)	Lisa Day, Asst. Chief of Rescue (15)
William Pulsifer, Deputy Chief (14)	Travis Burton, Capt. of Rescue (13)
Edward Ketch, Jr., Assistant Chief/Lakes (14)	Conrad Shaw, Lt. of Rescue (15)
Scott Damren Asst. Chief/N. Bel. (13)	Mark Day, Capt/Lakes (13)
Bruce Galouch, Asst. Chief/Depot (13)	Bruce Plourd, Capt/Depot (13)
Douglas Sawyer, Lt/Lakes (14)	
Dan Newman, Lt/Depot (13)	
Kathryn Damren, Lt. / N. Belgrade (12)	

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

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

Mike Heino (13)	Robert Lewis (15)	Scott Damren, Sexton
Phillip Sprague, Chair (15)	Bruce Galouch (14)	

TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Six members with staggered three-year terms

Town Manager, Advisory Only	William Miller (13)
Gregory Keene (15)	J. Wayne Pelletier (13)
Jack Sutton (14)	
George MacDonald (15)	
Bruce Galouch, Chair (13)	
Robert Vigue, Transfer Station Manager	

TOWN MANAGER

Appointed by Selectpersons with contract – Gregory E. Gill

TREE COMMITTEE

Staggered one, two and three year terms

Rhateo Pfister (13)	Wayne Smith (13)
Loyce Hayslett (14)	Chris Buchanan (15)
Phil Sprague (15)	Richard Baker (14)
Jonathan Dyer (13)	tish carr, Tree Warden – ex-officio member

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. Asst. Dir.	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
Code Enforcement Officer	Gary Fuller	Indefinite
Agent, IF&W	Cheryl Cook	Indefinite
Agent, Motor Vehicle	Cheryl Cook	Indefinite
Town Clerk/ Registrar	Cheryl Cook	Indefinite
Tax Collector	Cheryl Cook	Indefinite
Deputy Tax Collector	Mary Vogel	Indefinite
Executive Board Secretary	Mary Vogel	Indefinite
Deputy Clerk/Deputy Registrar	Mary Vogel	Indefinite
Deputy Clerk/Deputy Registrar	Martha Bennett 2/12	Resigned
	Katelyn Foster 8/12	Resigned
	Brittany Norton 9/12	Indefinite
GA Administrator	Gregory Gill	Indefinite
Asst. GA Administrator	Cheryl Cook	Indefinite
Asst. GA Administrator	Mary Vogel	Indefinite

Treasurer	Barbara Geaghan	Indefinite
Deputy Treasurer	Gregory Gill	Indefinite
Town Moderator	John R Bradshaw, Jr.	1 yr

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Size of Board is open with staggered three-year terms

(This board needs to be reestablished and did not convene in 2011/2012)

The Town Manager serves in an advisory capacity.

ROAD COMMITTEE

Robert Early	David Stevens
Tom Streznewski	Dennis Purington
Ernest Rice	Ralph Ardito
Jack Sutton	Kevin Hawes, Road Commissioner
Ricky Damren	Raymond Hewett

Gregory Gill

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, (14)	Penelope Morrell (13)
Ernest Rice, Vice Chair (13)	Bruce Plourd, Chair (15)
Daniel Newman (15)	

RSU #18

Two RSU members with staggered three year terms.

Cathy McKelway (14) Rebecca Seel (13)

ROAD COMMISSIONER

One individual for a one-year term elected in March, with term to expire at the annual March Town Meeting

Kevin Hawes (12)

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Valencia Schubert

LIBRARIAN

Marcia Haigh

Jared Bond, Assistant Librarian

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Staggered three-year terms (expire in December)

Michael Barrett (13)	Janet Stocco (14)	Elizabeth Symonds (15)
Rebecca Seel (14)	Peter Doran (14)	Marshalyn Baker (15)
Loyce Hayslett (13)	Zigmont Streznewski, Youth Representative (15)	

D.C. STEVENS

Three-year term

Pamela Prescott, Chair (14)

Board of Selectpersons' Report

The end of 2012 has come and the start of 2013 brings a recap of projects that have been completed.

This summer brought about the completion of the Factor Revaluation which was finished before the new Tax Bills were sent out.

The Town hired a new deputy clerk, Brittany Norton who has settled in to her new role very well. She is there, along with other staff members, to answer any of the town folk questions and to be available to anyone who has business with the town.

The Dalton Property purchase that was approved at last year's town meeting has now been completed. It is now owned by the town.

When the Town set the tax rate for the 2012 fiscal year, we used the proposed school budget that was in effect at that time. That budget was voted down and the final school budget was lower than the original school budget that we used to set the tax rate by. By using the original school budget figure we raised \$128,014.86 more than was needed for the school appropriation. The Select Board has voted to use the entire \$128,014.86 to help reduce the amount of revenues that will be needed for the Town's 2013 fiscal year budget.

The Board would like to thank all of the town employees and departments for a job well done. The dedication of the town staff, the town manager, the transfer station staff, the grounds, cemetery, library staff, recreation staff, building maintenance crew and the fire and rescue departments is truly appreciated.

We would also like to thank all of our committee and board members for their commitment, dedication and the long hours of hard work put in by each and every one of them throughout the year. We also would like to thank the citizens of Belgrade for their continued support and involvement in attending the town meetings and being involved in different project committees and such. Without all of the above, many of these things would not have come to fruition.

We would also like to mention there are still some vacancies on some of the committees and would like to extend the invitation to all townspeople to consider serving on one. If interested please contact the town office at 495-2258 or just stop by and ask any staff member. We can all make a difference.

Respectfully submitted as representative of the Board of Selectpersons,

Bruce Plourd, Chairman

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Gregory Gill

To the Residents & Tax Payers of Belgrade:

With the ongoing economic difficulties of the entire State, we are again looking at proposed cut backs in municipal revenues from the State.

The Town of Belgrade is very lucky to have a stable tax base of \$551,000,000.00 dollars combined with a year-round population of under 3500 residents. Last year we raised \$6,572,878.82 by taxation with a mil rate of 11.95, which made one mil raise \$550,031.70. If the Governor's request goes through of totally removing State Revenue Sharing (\$133,731.10 / 2012 FY), of removing Homestead Reimbursement (\$48,205.11 / 2012 FY), of removing BETE Reimbursement (\$9,143.90 / 2012), and excise tax on tractor trailers (\$11,912.45 / 2012 FY), we would have to raise an additional \$202,992.56. With one mil raising \$550,031.70, we would need to increase our mil rate by 0.369 of one mil, or go from 11.95 mils (our present mil rate) to a mil rate of 12.32 mils in order to cover losing the State Revenues, as listed above.

This would only happen if we had to raise ALL the estimated \$202,992.56 by taxation and only if the Governor's proposal stands. Each year there is an increase in our total valuation due to new construction; over the last three years, we have seen very little change in the Town's revenue streams, and the Select Board along with the Budget Committee works hard to keep the overall Municipal budget flat funded each year.

Report on 2012 Town Meeting:

Center for All Seasons:

The new metal roof was installed along with the construction of an entrance way over the kitchen door. We had some snow bars installed on the new roof, and so far, they seem to be working. All the ceiling/attic areas were insulated to an R-40 value, and the building was tested to make sure the insulation job was done correctly. The report states that the center is now insulated correctly. We also replaced the wooden shingles on the side walls located over the porches. These shingles were badly damaged from ice and snow buildup over the last twelve years. The shingles were replaced with "Belgrade Shiplap" purchased from Hammond Lumber.

This spring we will be staining the new boards and looking at fixing the wooden shingles remaining on the upper section, over the rear entrance facing RT#27.

I wish to thank the residents for their support in raising the funds for the above listed repairs and also to Hammond Lumber for technical support from several of their employees, especially Fred Perkins.

Dalton Property:

We have purchased the Dalton property and have rented the upstairs apartment over the garage (10 Dalton Lane) for \$600.00/month. We have hired a rental firm to totally oversee the rental of both 8 and 10 Dalton Lane. As explained in my manager's report last year, the Select Board looked at the purchase price of the property, the estimated repairs needed to rent the property, and the estimated income from

the rentals to see what action was needed, if they decided to purchase the property. We requested to appropriate \$150,000.00 from undesignated funds (no taxation) to purchase the property. The cost of the buildings and land was \$138,500, which left us \$11,500 for repairs on the two dwelling units so they could be rented. Article # 6 in this year's Town Meeting Warrant is requesting the rental income from both units be placed into Capital Reserve Account for maintaining all Town owned properties. Our goal is to replace the entire \$150,000 back into the undesignated fund within 10 years along with any additional funds used past the \$150,000. We are estimating a rental income of \$20,000 a year. The main purpose for purchasing the Dalton Property was for the land, with the intent of replacing all the purchase funds by renting the property.

New Town Office:

In Article # 19 of this year's Town Meeting Warrant, we are requesting an additional \$50,000 be raised and placed into the Town Office Capital Reserve Account. At this time we are listing possible locations for the new office, as we feel the first step in this process is to contract to purchase a property, pending approval at a Town Meeting. Then, develop building specifications to build or renovate to suit our needs.

Factor Revaluation:

The Factor Revaluation was completed and the new valuations were in place for the 2012 taxation values. We are in compliance with the State's valuation laws and are hoping we will be for several more years.

Update of the Comprehensive Plan:

We are in full stride with the update process of our Comprehensive Plan. We have hired KVCOG senior land use planner, Chris Huck, to oversee the entire project, and Mary Vogel is coordinating all the meetings to make sure all information is correctly recorded. We hope to have the Plan ready for a Public Hearing this spring and then be voted on by secret ballot as part of the school budget voting warrant.

Old Town House Building:

The Old Town House has been leased to the Belgrade Historical Society, which plans to restore the building. Anyone wishing to get involved should contact Nan Mairs @ 465-7924

2013 Town Meeting:

As of the writing of this report, there is little or no increase in the 2013 Municipal budget, as compared to last year's.

There are a couple of stand alone new articles that I would like to report on:

#1 We are requesting \$12,500 to be appropriated from the Road Maintenance & Paving Capital Reserve Account as a onetime appropriation to purchase ½ the cost of a brine solution system and to require three brine solution tank systems be placed on the plow trucks contracted to remove snow from our town roads.

The brine solution system will be purchased 50/50 with M-DOT and placed in the State garage yard next to our sand/salt shed. The State will sell us the brine solution at their cost, and it will be used in the three solution tanks that we will be requiring our plowing contractor to have. The brine solution is supposed to

cut the use of sand in half, according to the State. The State will train the contractors on how to properly use the solution. The solution mixture is changed to meet the weather conditions, as salt totally stops working at 20 degrees.

#2 We are requesting \$10,000 to purchase a used pickup truck to be used by several departments. Presently, we have one small dump truck assigned to the facility maintenance person. We also employ a custodian for the Center for All Seasons, three workers to help with summer grounds maintenance, transfer station manager who works one day a week for the facility maintenance director, and two transfer station attendants. At times, all of these employees need the use of a truck in order to do their work. The employee who is assigned our only vehicle is also our only rescue member available during the day (99% of the time). Sometimes he has several calls on the same day and he uses the town truck to go get the rescue vehicle and the town truck sits at the fire station. During storm events, the truck is totally tied up and other employees are turning in mileage slips for using their own vehicles. There are many times I can't get a job done because I have no vehicle for an employee to use. We would purchase the truck from State Surplus at an estimated cost of \$5 to \$7 thousand dollars. We probably would have to purchase new tires; we would need fuel, and funds for oil changes and general repairs. We believe our request for \$10,000 will cover all of the costs for the pickup truck for the entire 2013 budget year. We are also projecting this vehicle will extend the life of our Town dump truck by 2 or 3 years.

Summit Gas:

To date I have attended two meetings involving Summit Gas. Summit Gas has hired an engineering firm that has designed distribution systems for several Towns, including Belgrade. Summit Gas is still working on the TIF language they want to propose to Belgrade. They have said they would like a 15 year TIF with all 15 years set at 50% to Summit Gas and 50% to Belgrade. They have given us an estimated system cost of \$7,200,000, which at our present mil rate would give us \$43,020.00 in revenues, and we would have to give the same amount back to Summit Gas. Summit is also working out the details to use their TIF funds as grants by giving each new customer up to \$2,500 to help defer the conversion costs. It is my understanding that DCED is working with Summit Gas on those details. Once Summit Gas contacts us, we will hold a Public Meeting so all our questions can be answered. Once again, the above information could change at any time as nothing has been agreed upon.

Summary:

If you have any questions or concerns about this report, please do not hesitate to contact me, as my door is always open.

Many thanks to the Select Board for their continuing support and to all the dedicated employees who are constantly going beyond their duties to better serve the residents and tax payers of Belgrade.

Congratulations to all who were in any way involved with the Library project: Great building! Great location! Great people!

Respectfully submitted,
Gregory E. Gill
Town Manager

Planning Board Report

The Planning Board reviewed a number of permit applications during 2012. However, the total number was less than in previous years. As the fall drew to a conclusion, we decided to dedicate the second meeting of the month to work collaboratively on issues related to the Comprehensive Plan. This schedule was designed to carry over into 2013 for several months.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Steve Foster, Dan Trembly, Roger DeRosier and Rich Baker for their contributions to the Planning Board. Each member has a unique set of skills and experiences to bring to the table. Collectively the group listens intently, asks good questions, and works very hard to reach informed decisions. I'm grateful they've chosen to participate. Thank you for your service!

Katie Foster has been our Secretary, and served us well. The job requires lots of attention to detail, and never ending patience with the process. Thank you Katie!

Respectfully submitted
Peter Rushton, Chairperson

Budget Committee Report

The Budget Committee is an all-volunteer advisory committee to the Belgrade Select Board. Their recommendations and votes on budget articles along with those of the Select Board appear with each warrant article.

This year we have three new members on the Budget Committee. They are Laura Hudson, Howard Holinger and Mike Benecke. It's a pleasure to have them all on board. We extend our many thanks to Gayle Finkbeiner and Dennis Purington for their years of service to the Town while on the Budget Committee.

Bank of America declined to continue servicing the Town investment accounts. Androscoggin Bank was chosen to manage the Town reserve accounts, and Kennebec Savings Bank was selected to manage the trust investments after a number of proposals were reviewed by the Treasurer, Budget Committee, and Select Board.

Over 70% of Belgrade's municipally-raised tax dollars are spent on school district and county needs. Less than 30% of tax dollars raised are spent on budget items directly controlled by the Town. In the current economic climate there is a tremendous challenge in keeping tax rates as low as possible, meeting RSU 18 and Kennebec County obligations, and providing needed Town services.

Looking forward, two major potential capital investments are on the horizon for the Town. One is a very much needed replacement for the current Town Office, and another is a centrally-located fire station. These two projects will doubtless be part of the long-range comprehensive plan for Belgrade, which is being developed as of this writing.

Respectfully submitted,
Belgrade Budget Committee

Howard Holinger (15), Charles Grover (15), Jack Sutton (14), Laura Hudson (13), Mike Benecke (14), Tom Streznewski (13), Chair.

Belgrade Fire & Rescue

FIRE & RESCUE REPORT

Belgrade Fire and Rescue has experienced another busy year responding to calls, training and hosting fundraisers.

In December we held our annual Christmas Party/Awards Ceremony. The award recipients were as follows: Firefighter of the Year was awarded to Steve Smith, Jr. Firefighter of the year was to awarded to Michael Benecke Jr and Rescue Person's of the year were awarded to Jeremy Damren and Michaelyn Smith.

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 businesses that willingly release fire and rescue personnel during the workday to respond to calls. If it were not for the flexibility of these businesses, we would have a major daytime coverage issue.

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. Thanks to the citizens of Belgrade and their approval of the purchase of two new fire trucks which have now been put into service. The new pumper is stationed at the Depot Station and the new tanker is stationed at the North Belgrade Station.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel R. MacKenzie, Fire Chief

William P. Pulsifer, Deputy Chief

Lisa C. Day, Rescue Chief

Edward Ketch, Jr., Asst. Chief, Belgrade Lakes

Bruce Galouch, Asst. Chief, Belgrade Depot

Scott Damren, Asst. Chief North Belgrade

6 Year Fire & Rescue

Response Summary

2007 355 2008 326

2009 263 2010 355

2011 333 2012 289

Breakdown of Calls for 2012

Structure Fires	3	
Car Fires		5
Motor Vehicle Collisions	23	
Chimney Fires	3	
Gases (CO, Gas, Propane)	3	
Water/Ice Rescue	0	
Lines Down/Trees on wire	30	
Medical Calls	161	
Trauma Calls	30	
Mutual Aid	25	
Wood/Grass	6	

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Well, another year is behind us, and here are a few things I did this year. We resurfaced with a 1 inch finish the McGrath Pond Road, Location Road and Penney Road. This was the completion step of a two step process of regrounding and reclaiming these roads which began in 2010 with a 2/12 inch 19 mm hot top. The 1 inch finish is critical to protect the 2 ½ inch base hot top. The 2 year lapse is recommended to allow the traffic to compact the road surface to have the best possible result long term of the road base, much longer than if just resurfaced. We changed various culverts throughout the town, various ditching, road side mowing, shoulder work and pot hole patching.

It is very important to plan what roads are going to be paved a year in advance by doing ditching and culvert replacement prior. This allows me to receive a much better price when bidding out to the pavement companies by having the road ready early in season because they're not booked out. It is best to pave the road early in the season to give the road time to setup. It is what I do instead of having paving done in the fall months where it does not have time to do this. When purchasing for the town whether it be culverts, gravel or fabrics, I always buy competitively by calling 3 different companies and purchasing from whom ever has the best price. I feel that in these difficult financial times it is extremely important to work efficiently which I feel I have been striving to do by doing the above mentioned planning, price bidding, and working efficiently for the town. The result of this planning and working efficiently has had an impact on the road budget. The road budget is \$107,000 yearly. This year we only had to raise and appropriate \$7000.00 for the \$107,000 budget because the road budget had \$100,000 in capital reserve that had been saved by budgeting and working efficiently.

2012 is resulting in \$64,000 left over in the road budget, which means that only \$43,000 needs to be taken out of the capital reserve instead of raising \$107,000, which is the yearly road budget. In 2011 and 2012 we had a salt and sand building bond payment of \$19,600 for each year, totaling \$39,200. This was paid out of capital reserve and did not need to be raised and appropriated at Town Meeting. It is important to save if necessary and put into capital reserve. These savings are attributed to working more efficiently and getting better paving prices; having the salt and sand shed is a savings by not losing salt to the environment.

In 2011 we did not receive 8% of the property taxes, in 2012 that increased to 14%. These are difficult times and budgeting and working efficiently is a very important part of the job as the road commissioner. I believe that in these hard times just because you have a road budget of \$107,000 that does not mean you have to spend it every year. Some years, if possible, money should be rolled over to capital reserve which I have done the past two years. I have learned a lot as road commissioner during the past 4 years, my job as Road Commissioner is not only work on the Town roads, but to do that most efficiently to work towards a goal of not raising town taxes.

If anyone has any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Kevin Hawes
Road Commissioner

Transfer Facility and Recycling Committee

I want to let the residents, commercial haulers and businesses of Belgrade know that with your dedication and combined efforts in recycling, 2012 was another successful year.

We need everyone to keep participating endlessly so we can set a recycling rate record for 2013. We recycle almost every kind of plastic, all types of metals, batteries, E-Waste and various other items. By recycling, we keep transfer costs down and by doing that we also bring in revenue from those recyclables. The combined efforts keep these items out of the regular household trash stream. I see the stream everyday and notice less recyclables in it, which is outstanding. There is always room for improvement, though. Our main goal should always be lowering the costs of running the facility and increasing the revenue brought in. We will be trying new things during 2013 to help you, and to improve and meet our goal. All of us at the facility are dedicated to help Belgrade with recycling and continue to ask you to keep up the good work. It pays off for all.

The table below gives a 2 year overview and a 1 year projection. This years' projection rises due to the drop off and current soft markets in recyclable sales. This is a trend that happens occasionally and rises a great deal in the spring. Also, we've added a full time position and we will be upgrading the facility with internet access for recycling research that will bring in the possibility of more revenue. Our buildings and equipment will be getting the improvements they need so that our production, appearance and safety will be enhanced. As you can see if you compare the past 2 year's actual, we should have no trouble at all lowering the net cost of programs, therefore operating under the projected budget.

	<u>2011 Actual</u>	<u>2012 Actual</u>	<u>2013 Budget</u>
Solid Waste Management Program	\$ 211,152	\$218,130	\$239,097
Waste Fees Collected on site	\$15,000	\$18,230.05	\$15,000
Revenue from sale of recyclables	\$25,000	\$28,453.91	\$20,000
Net cost of programs	\$171,152	\$ 171,446.96	\$204,097

Reminders:

- Display current Transfer Station Sticker. They are available at the Town Office
- Separate and dispose of recyclable items properly. See an attendant for guidance
- Keep loads covered and secure on the road and when entering the facility
- Practice strong safety values while on the facility
- Please donate good clothing. Keep it out of the trash. We have 2 Planet Aid boxes for clothing

Thank you all for your efforts and teamwork in maintaining and making the 'too good to throw away' building a huge success. A big thanks to the donors. A lot of people benefit from your generosity.

THANKS FOR YOUR COMMITMENT AND EFFORTS IN RECYCLING

REMEMBER! WHEN YOU RECYCLE; BELGRADE SAVES MONEY, PRESERVES THE ENVIRONMENT AND KEEPS OUR BEAUTIFUL TOWN CLEAN FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

Sincerely,
Robert Vigue
Transfer Station Manager

Belgrade Public Library

495-3508

www.belgrade.lib.me.us

In December, 2012 Belgrade Public Library moved to 124 Depot Road. Library patrons from ages five to ninety helped to pack, truck, and shelve the collection in the new building. It was inspiring to work with so many citizens who use and value this vital community service, and we are very grateful for their time and effort.

The free access to the Internet using library computers or the open Wi-Fi signal from the library continues to be a valued service for many people in Belgrade without access to high speed Internet. At the new location we are connected with fiber optics so the signal is FAST!

The Library continues to offer:

Online catalog linked on our website www.belgrade.lib.me.us

Weekly children's story time

Children's summer reading incentive program

Monthly book discussions for adults

Special events such as Chewonki and L.C. Bates science programs, and author visits

Basic computer training, reference assistance and interlibrary loans

Printer, scanner and fax equipment for public use

Books for Belgrade Babies and BELGRADE READS poster campaign

Internet access and high-speed Wi-Fi

Ebooks and audio books through *Maine Infonet Download Library*

The Library Board of Trustees members are appointed by the Select board to oversee the municipal library. In 2013 the trustees are: Michael Barrett, chair; Janet Stocco, vice-chair; Marshalyn Baker, treasurer; Becky Seel, secretary; Loyce Hayslett, Peter Doran and Beth Symonds. They meet in the library on the first Thursday of each month at 7p.m. Our weekly volunteers Sandra Fowler, Ziggy Streznewski, and Margaret McMorrow are very helpful. Many others volunteer in the library and we appreciate their service to the community. Thank you very much.

Belgrade Public Library is open 25 hours each week.

Tuesday 10-7

Wednesday 3-7

Thursday 10-7

Friday 10-1

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Haigh

Library Director

Belgrade Public Library 2012 statistics

Card holders	1,852
Items borrowed	10,486
Ebooks & audiobooks	1,134
Interlibrary loans	234
Library volunteers hours	470

**www.belgrade.lib.me.us
495-3508**

Friends of the Belgrade Public Library

The Friends would like to thank all of the donors and volunteers for their tireless and enthusiastic support for the library renovation project. The renovation project is complete and the keys were turned over to the Town of Belgrade on Friday, November 16th. The new library officially opened on Tuesday, December 18th. The project was a huge success! People going to the library for the first time could not compliment all those involved in the project enough for the beautiful new library and what an impact it will have on our community. If you have not yet stopped in to see and use the library, please do so and you will know what all of the enthusiasm is about at 124 Depot Road! The Friends plan a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new library this summer so that everyone will have an opportunity to see the results of this great project. Information on the ribbon cutting ceremony will be forthcoming at a later date.

Although the building part of the project is completed, landscaping and paving still need to be done. Because of the commitment of the Friends to pay general operating and maintenance costs, fundraisers will continue. Our first fundraiser for 2013 will be a book sale in March, followed by Basket Bingo, a 5K Road Race, a Yard Sale, our July 4th Book Sale, our Annual Golf Tournament and the Gawler Family Concert. Other possible fundraisers will be discussed at our monthly meetings which are held on the third Wednesday of each month. We welcome you to join our group and become a volunteer at some of our fundraisers. We do have a lot of fun!

Check our website at www.friendsofbelgradepubliclibrary.org or our facebook page, Friends of the Belgrade Public Library for updated information on the Friends activities.

Any and all donations (tax deductible) to help with operating and maintenance expenses are always gratefully appreciated. Checks may be made out to: Friends of the Belgrade Public Library (or FOBPL) and mailed to the Friends of the Belgrade Public Library, P O Box 474, Belgrade, ME 04917

Please be sure to check out the new library!

Judy Johnson, President, jpjohnson027@roadrunner.com
Beverly Megill, Vice President, beverlymegill207@roadrunner.com
Linda Sprague, Secretary, lynn_phil@myfairpoint.net
Diane Bourque, Treasurer, ddbourque@roadrunner.com

Thanks for the Library

The passing of Phil Cobb in 2012 recalls different good memories for different people. For a few, it reminds us of the earliest steps toward Belgrade's public library. Like a garden, the library grew from a seed idea, with help along the way from many people.

In one of the first public meetings of the 1998 Comprehensive Plan, in the school gym, one woman, probably Sue Gawler, asked if public library services could be one of the topics to be considered. The "seed" was planted.

Jack Sutton asked that a committee research the ways such services might be provided, perhaps from another town. Weeks later that research was abruptly re-focused by Town Manager Bob Early- "Never mind contracting with another town. What do we need to do to start a *real* library in Belgrade?" The Building Committee for the new recreation center was told to include additional space for a library. " You mean a reading room?" "No, a *real* library." Much confusion. " A seed library?" "Yes." Both committees were puzzled about funding for a library.

The Building Committee added a certain square footage to the plan. A second plan emerged in time. During its eighteen months of work, the Library Committee researched State standards, visited libraries, got legal wording, and wrote an ordinance and policies for a *real* public library. We were all "preparing the soil" for this community project.

Major and minor donors made the building, which we now call the Center for All Seasons, possible. One library supporter established an Endowment Fund for the library, its interest to be used to support public library services. Here was "bone meal" to enrich library services. Not until a small plaque appeared on the library door did everyone know that Phil Cobb and family had donated the space for a public library.

Marcia Haigh, Librarian, has grown "this garden of books and dreams" almost from its opening, making do when the physical space was such a constraint. And now Judy Johnson and the Friends of the Belgrade Public Library have transplanted the Library into a welcoming building in the middle of town.

May its fruit nourish us all.

Submitted by Nancy Mairs, Historian

Dams Committee Report

To: Selectpersons, Town of Belgrade
 Town Council, Town of Oakland
 Selectmen, Town of Rome

The Committee was concerned about the lack of snow pack and rain during last winter and early spring. The Committee was concerned that there would not be enough spring run-off and rain to achieve full ponds by June 1st. The May rain storms came and we had too much water for a while.

This past year we made minor repairs to the Wings Mill and Belgrade Lakes Dams and removed brush and small trees at the Belgrade Lakes and Salmon Lake Dams.

In 2013 we have requested that Belgrade, Oakland and Rome appropriate a total of \$10,000 for maintenance and repairs. The breakdown for each town is:

Belgrade	\$5,600 (56%)
Rome	\$2,700 (27%)
Oakland	\$1,700 (17%)

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Purington, Chairman

Health Officers Report

Hello again to all Belgrade residents. I am wishing all a healthy New Year. I will start with the annual reminder that the following diseases must be reported to the Health Officer: Animal Rabies, Lyme Disease, Meningitis, Chicken Pox (Varicella), Viral encephalitis, Malaria, Invasive Influenza, Invasive Strep Group A, Chlamydia, Toxic Shock Syndrome, Gonorrhea, Syphilis, Salmonella, Giardiasis, E-Coli, Tuberculosis, Mumps, Rubella, Pertussis, Hepatitis, and HIV Infection. There is a more extensive comprehensive list on the CDC website. If you were seen by your doctor for treatment, it will be reported to the Bureau of Health by them. It is extremely difficult to track these diseases in our community without your help.

Childhood and adult immunizations must be kept up-to-date. Mandatory vaccines for attendance at our schools include: DTAP, MMR, Polio, Hepatitis B and Varicella. Annual Influenza vaccine is strongly recommended for all. RSU 18/Maine General held free clinics for students once again this year in November and December at all the schools in the district. It is very important to keep children at home with Flu symptoms(fever, coughing, sneezing, vomiting or diarrhea). All adults in the workplace should also consider this recommendation. Your co-workers will thank you.

During the Flu Season, it is very important to wash hands with soap and water frequently, cover coughs and sneezes and do not share personal items with friends or other family members. I have been quite busy at the High School with coughs, sore throats, headaches, vomiting and fevers. I have also had students come to school with flu symptoms and coughs. PLEASE keep sick children at home.

I have been asked to help in the past with some infestation of mice, rats, bats and squirrels. These have been primarily rental dwellings. I would usually notify the code enforcement officer if intervention is necessary. All in all, it has been a rather quiet year.

Please try to take time to check in on your elderly homebound neighbors. A quick visit would brighten their day, especially during the holidays. It is also good to visit in cold winter months or very hot weather. This is in case the power is out for any length of time. They may need assistance and may be too proud to ask for help.

We do have a local Food Pantry serving residents in need and during the holidays. They provide gift baskets on Thanksgiving and Christmas. Always feel free to help out with donations of non-perishable foods, time, or money. Please contact the Town Office if you are interested in lending our volunteers a hand.

If I can be of help, please contact me thru the town office or home, 465-3351. I am also a school nurse serving in RSU 18 at MHS.

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

Belgrade Historical Society

The Belgrade Historical Society ends 2012 as a tenant in the Old Town House, with a lease from the Town of Belgrade and liability insurance in place. Society members Bob Lewis and Bruce Trumper fixed three hazards, as required by the insurance company. They 1) added a railing at the front entrance, 2) blocked the intersection of two sets of steps, and 3) covered a hole in front of the overhead door by adding a temporary plywood “bridge” (which also keeps water away from the sill). As owner of the building, the Town of Belgrade will continue to maintain its integrity, including clapboards and porch floor, before rot creeps further.

Our visitors at the November Open House and the return of survey forms were nearly unanimous in supporting some restoration of the Town House. We have not found a good way to remove all or part of the water tank, although most people approved of its removal.

We believe in restoring the Town House, whether or not we can use it as a “museum”. It is our only historical public building, now 200 years old. It deserves and needs care.

A museum? That’s another story. Museums are places where historic artifacts and documents can be preserved and displayed to the public. Preservation requires security and atmosphere control (temperature and humidity). That is why the Town House may not work as a year-round museum. Is there another place in Belgrade that would?...the “old” library space has been proposed.

We believe in saving the Town House and having a secure space to show Belgrade’s historical treasures. Let’s find a way to do both.

150 YEARS AGO: 5TH BATTERY, MAINE LIGHT ARTILLERY

At the plot of Daniel Stevens in Woodside Cemetery, rest three men with the inscription “Fifth Battery Mounted Art.Maine Vols.”, namely Greenlief T Stevens, George R Stevens, and John R Williams. Greenlief T Stevens was born in Belgrade, August 20, 1831, to Daniel and Mahala(Smith) Stevens.

The 1856 map of Kennebec county shows that the Daniel Stevens farm was located about one-half mile south of Rockwood Corner (on Route 135). Daniel Steven’s father, William, had come from Lebanon, Maine, about 1796, and his original house stood north of the big barn. It was at William’s house that young Greenlief took his first lesson in gymnastics by spinning up the corner of “the old cob-house chimney” to the underside of the roof, to quote from Minot’s *History of Kennebec County*.

Greenlief attended Titcomb Academy in Belgrade and Litchfield Liberal Institute. After teaching school for several years, he went to Augusta and read law with Hon, Samuel Titcomb. In 1860 he obtained admission to the Cumberland bar and graduated from Harvard Law School in 1861, receiving the degree of LL.B.

In 1861 Maine Governor Israel Washburn was seeking experienced officers for the five batteries of light artillery being raised. General William F Berry recommended 2nd Lieutenant George F Leppien. Leppien had received his education in the best universities of Germany as well as five years of military study in Prussia. Before coming to Maine, he served as a lieutenant in a Pennsylvania battery. Leppien left Washington for Augusta and was commissioned as Captain of the 5th Maine Battery on November 12, 1861. The Battery was mustered into service on December 4, 1861, with William F Twitchell of Portland and Greenlief T Stevens of Augusta as 1st lieutenants and Adelbert B Twitchell of Bethel and Ezra Clark of Portland as 2nd lieutenants. The 5th Battery, Maine Light Artillery remained in Augusta until March 10, 1862 when it left for Portland. The Battery remained quartered at Fort Preble in Portland until April 1, then proceeded to Washington, D.C. and encamped on Capital Hill.

On May 19, 1862, the unit left Washington and within a short time Leppien and the 5th Battery were earning high praise. General Berry was pleased and said that “no better battery than Leppien’s could be found in the U.S. Service, regular or volunteer.” As a result, Leppien was temporarily detached to serve as Chief of Artillery to his brigade commander, Gen. Ricketts.

At the second battle of Manassas, Lt. W.F. Twitchell assumed command of the 5th Battery. In the afternoon of August 30, 1862, the infantry attached to protect the Battery fled as the Confederates charged. As a result, four of the 5th Battery's guns were captured, as was much of their baggage and equipment. Lt. Twitchell died in the battle.

On September 7 the Fifth Maine Battery was ordered to Washington, D.C. to be refitted with guns and equipment. They rejoined their division on October 24. At Fredericksburg on December 10, the Battery was under the heaviest and fiercest fire of the day, but the gunners "kept their cool" and impressed even experienced artillery officers with their rapid fire and accuracy. After this they went to winter quarters.

In early May, 1863, the Fifth was ordered by one of Gen. Hooker's staff to go to Chancellorsville. Capt. Leppien had now re-joined the Battery; he and his men took position in a peach orchard, where they became the target of every Confederate gun within range. Capt. Leppien was severely wounded, as were Lieutenants Adelbert Twitchell and Greenlief Stevens. Capt. Leppien died on May 24; Greenlief Stevens recovered and assumed command that summer.

On July 1 at Gettysburg, Capt. Stevens was ordered by Gen. Hooker to take position on Culp's Hill and stop the enemy from advancing. The earthworks constructed that evening under the direction of Capt. Stevens protected the men and guns for the next two days, but a sharpshooter, the nemesis of a light artillery battery, then placed a shot through both of Capt. Stevens' legs. Lt. Edward Whittier took over command and the Battery continued to perform with a steady and deadly fire, which as a report states "enfiladed the Confederate lines, at a distance of 800 yards, with spherical case and shell, and later with solid shot and canister." The knoll they had defended became known as "Stevens' Knoll", and the battery was known thereafter as "Stevens Battery."

Capt. Stevens recovered and led the 5th Maine Battery with distinction throughout the remainder of the War, including battles at Cold Harbor, Winchester, Cedar Creek, and numerous other engagements. In February, 1865, Stevens was promoted to Brevet Major for gallant and meritorious conduct. The Battery returned to Augusta and was mustered out of service on July 6, 1865, having lost a total of 33 men from wounds and disease.

Greenlief Stevens married Mary Ann Yeaton in 1856, and four children, including Don Carlos Stevens, were born to them. After the Civil War the family settled in West Waterville, now Oakland, where Greenlief practiced law. He went on to serve in both the Maine House and Senate, as Sheriff of Kennebec County, and a Probate Judge, living some years in Augusta. He died in Oakland in 1918. His younger brother George R Stevens, who had joined the 5th Battery in the fall of 1864, returned to the farm in Belgrade and married Dorcas Yeaton, Mary Ann's sister; George also served as Sheriff of Kennebec County. John Williams, who is buried in the Stevens lot, also served in the Fifth Battery and later worked on the Stevens farm. Other members of "Stevens Battery" with Belgrade connections: *Asa J Cummings, *Thomas W Damon, Henry Frost, Curtis Higgins, Charles A Hinkley, *Charles H Littlefield, James A Lombard, John Partridge, Hiram G Wellman, and John M Williams. (* died during the war).

Sources: 1856 County Map, census records, *Hy of Kennebec County*, State Archives, military reports, Oakland Historical Society, Stephen W Sears "Chancellorsville and Gettysburg."

Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons
207-495-3481 – communitycenter@townofbelgrade.com

In 2012, over 15,000 people of all ages attended an activity, youth program, special event or rental at the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons. Many took part in healthy programs like Zumba, basketball and yoga. Large crowds attended our family events including the Father Daughter Dance, Easter Egg Hunt, Oktoberfest, and Santa Movie Night with Model Train Displays, fundraisers benefiting the Belgrade Fire and Rescue, Friends of Belgrade Public Library and other nonprofits. All had great turnouts at the Center this year. People rented the facility for retirement parties, weddings, birthday parties for young and old, bridal showers & baby showers and family reunions. Hundreds of children enjoyed coming to the Center for summer camp, Afterschool Enrichment and Kidzone throughout the year. To say the least, it has been a very busy place filled with happy people!

The North Belgrade Community Center was in high demand during 2012 too. The Center has been used for a wide variety of special occasions, meetings and of course the Pot Luck Dinner, held on the second Saturday of each month starting at 5:00pm. Remember, all are welcome!

2012 has also been a year of positive changes. The Center for All Seasons has a new roof and additional insulation that has eliminated ice dams and water leaks. Personally, it has been a privilege to meet so many wonderful people day-in and day-out since starting as Recreation Director. They have been supportive and are pleased to see the addition of even more quality recreation for the citizens of Belgrade. Please feel free to approach me about programs and ideas you have for recreation. I would love to get to know you and understand what is important to you, and I look forward to meeting you and hearing your thoughts for 2013!

Respectfully submitted,

Valencia Schubert
Recreation Director



Belgrade Cemetery Committee Report

2012 Burials		
#	Name	Date
1	Marjorie Ann Vogel Tripp	4/23/2012
2	Dorothy A Wilber	4/27/2012
3	Cynthia L MacColl	4/28/2012
4	Carolyn E Alexander	5/5/2012
5	Elizabeth (Betty) McIntire	5/11/2012
6	Jeffrey A Tompkins	5/12/2012
7	John H Tardiff	5/19/2012
8	Donald G Kirk	5/19/2012
9	Frederick J Zinckgraf	5/20/2012
10	Thomas B Foster	6/5/2012
11	Marguerite T Mosher	6/16/2012
12	Saralee Lord Dennis	6/17/2012
13	Nathalie Pray	6/19/2012
14	Ruth S Law	6/28/2012
15	Bruce L Soucy, Jr	6/29/2012
16	Methyl G Hodgkins	6/20/2012
17	Reona (Bean) Heino	7/29/2012
18	Christine Dudley	8/2/2012
19	Hazel J Brown	8/4/2012
20	Paul John Orloff	8/4/2012
21	Gerald Furbush	8/10/2012
22	Philip Lee Wettengel	9/1/2012
23	Wesley C Workman	10/2/2012
24	Laurel P Wadleigh	10/20/2012
25	Ronald H Rowell, Sr	10/26/2012
26	Perley Stevens	11/17/2012
27	Kevin Allen Stevens	11/30/2012
28	Esther J Childs	12/8/2012

2012 Cemetery Lot Assignments

Name	Amount Paid	Lot #
Lincoln Nye (Non-Resident)	\$500.00	P3-R7-L1
Thomas Kenney	\$ 50.00	P2-R8-L5
James & Mary Vogel	\$300.00	P2-R7-L8
Marshalyn & Richard Baker	\$100.00	P2-R7-L15
James & Tasha Gradie	\$100.00	P4-R2-L15
Lauren Williams	\$150.00	P4-R3-L6
Lisa Adams & Scott Szady	\$ 50.00	P2-R7-L15
Doreen & Randy Davis	\$300.00	P4-R1-L17/18
April Burgess (Non-Resident)	\$250.00	P3-R7-L4
Kathleen Carrier (Non-Resident)	\$500.00	P3-R7-L4
Gary & Joyce Day	\$100.00	P3-R1-L25
John & Ellen Walter	\$100.00	P3-R7-L11
Estate of Cynthia Maccoll	\$2000.00	

Lot Assignment Returned Back to The Town

Judith & Joseph Olivier	\$-100.00	P1-R15-L3
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BELGRADE GIRL SCOUTS TROOP REPORT

BROWNIE TROOP #1783 is made up of eight hard working 2nd Graders and one 1st Grader. They bridged from Daisies to Brownies last May and have started earning patches for their new brown vests. The girls helped a local family at Christmas by providing them with gifts and a Christmas tree (Special thanks to Ladd tree farm for donating a tree for our Christmas Family). They also sold over 900 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies in Jan. In March they held a bake sale/ cookie booth at Town Meeting. In July they handed out popsicles in the parade, in September they went to Camporee at Camp Kirkwood in Readfield where they learned some basic camping skills: how to make a fire, outdoor cooking, compass training and took part in a scavenger hunt. In October they hiked Mount Philip in Rome on a beautiful fall day. The view was stunning. This Spring/Summer they will try camping out and hopefully find a Community Planting project that they can be involved in.

Submitted by Cyndi Cassani, Jess Wills & Carla Jenney- Troop Leaders.

Junior Troop #1058 consists of twelve 4th grade girls from Belgrade and Rome. They bridged to Junior Girl Scouts from Brownies last May and got right to working adding patches to their new green vests. They participated in activities like the Christmas Family Adoption in December, in January they sold over 1600 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies, held a bake sale/Cookie booth in March at Town Meeting, and they marched in the Belgrade 4th of July parade handing out popsicles. In September they attended Camporee in Readfield where they tried their hand at canoeing, archery and outdoor cooking. They will spend the winter working on Journey patches that teach them skills of interaction with the environment and maintaining our natural resources. This Spring/Summer they will try camping out.

Submitted by Cyndi Cassani, Carrie Merrow & Melanie Meader- Troop Leaders.

2012 Boy Scout Troop 453 Report

Once again, Belgrade's Boy Scout Troop 453 sends a big "Thank You" to Belgrade residents for their support in 2012. The newspapers that you deposit at the Transfer Station continue to be our main source of income and we really appreciate your contributions! We built eight new bins for newspaper storage in the beginning of 2012 to replace our broken apple crates. Many of you have seen us at the Recycling Building early Saturday mornings putting papers into the baling machine, earning support for our Troop and demonstrating environmental responsibility. Along with popcorn sales, these resources allow us to experience a variety of scouting activities.

Our Troop is led by 9 young men, ages 11 to 18. They learn leadership by running their meetings, planning then implementing activities, and performing public service individually or as a group. The scouting tradition is based on the older boys teaching skills to younger boys. This instruction not only occurs within the Troop, but also between the Troop and the local Cub Scout Pack, with Boy Scouts holding the position of Den Chief who assists the den leaders at meetings. Another scouting practice is the Patrol Method, where the boys work together in small groups to get something done.

In 2012, Troop 453 participated in a number of traditional scouting activities like a nine-mile hike in the Rangeley region and a winter campout at Camp Bomazeen (Belgrade), which the Cub Scout Webelos II den attended. Nine scouts attended Camp Bell in New Hampshire and two attended National Youth Leadership Training. One scout was a Counselor - in - Training at Camp Hinds.

Our Scouts continue to work on Merit Badges and Rank Advancement. Some of the Merit Badges worked on in 2012 were Communications, Soil & Water Conservation, and Environmental Science. The Troop has a number of boys in the higher ranks of Star (two Scouts) and Life (two Scouts)- both Life scouts preparing for the rank of Eagle. In January of 2012, Scout Ian Bernier of Sidney achieved the rank of Eagle. He built a food donation box and sign for the Food Pantry in Sidney as his Eagle Project. During the summer of 2012, Ian was a Counselor at Camp Hinds.

Community service activities in 2012 included helping the Cub Scout Pack with their Pinewood Derby, assisting with the Flag Ceremony during the Memorial Day service, trail maintenance and construction on The Mountain in the Kennebec Highlands, and, helping with luminaries, pedestrians crossings, and boarding the horse drawn 'sleigh' at the Christmas Stroll.

If you know a boy between the ages of 11 and 18 who is interested in scouting or if you'd like to volunteer your time and talent to our troop, please contact Interim Scoutmaster Ron Bernier at 547-4233 or Committee Chairperson Anne Bernier at 547-4233. The Troop needs new leadership and is searching for individuals interested in becoming involved; if you are interested in helping out, please call Ron or Anne at the above number.

Respectfully Submitted,
Boy Scout Troop 453 Committee

Don C Stevens Trust Fund Advisory Committee Report

The students of Belgrade Central School are very fortunate to benefit from the generosity of Don. C. Stevens whose foresight provided this trust fund. The fund provides for students in many ways, including additional programs during school, after school enrichment activities, 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 school year we will have a puppetry residency, a dance and movement residency, a water color artist, and the Missoula Children's Theater. Our students get great training during these experiences, which expose them to acting, prop and costume preparation, as well as puppets, paintings, and performances themselves.

The Trust helps fund field trips, support for which continues to be needed in these difficult budgetary times. 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 (Black Bear Book Awards) 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 an author visiting. 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 Janet Stocco

DC STEVENS TRUST FUND

Advisory Committee Report

	2012 proposed	2012 Spent	2013 proposed
General			
Miscellaneous	\$500	\$497.92	\$500
Art			
Teacher Supplies	\$1000	\$827.62	\$1000
Laminator	\$500	\$482.00	\$500
Enrichment			
PCAC	\$5000	\$4993.40	\$5000
Math/Science Materials	\$500	\$270.74	\$500
Field Trips	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000
Reading/Writing			
Reference	\$500	\$497.84	\$500
Library	\$1200	\$1200	\$1200
Black Bear			
Book Awards	\$300	\$300	\$300
Supplemental	\$2000	\$1,540.58	\$2000
Totals	\$12,500	\$11,610.10	\$12,500

**The Robert A. Gupstill
Historical Trust Fund**

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

During the 2012 school year, the Robert A. Gupstill Historical Fund was used for a Grade 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 Gupstill Historical Trust Fund.

INTEREST AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE YEAR

Beginning Jan. 2012 Balance.....\$2,118.57

Gr. 2 Presentation	Old Fort Western	-303.98
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Balance December 2012	<hr/> \$ 1,814.59
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Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Gordon, Principal
Belgrade Central School

Superintendent's Report RSU #18

Dear Citizens of the Town of Belgrade:

RSU 18 has had another year of growth and progress reaching several big milestones this past year. Most importantly, the District's Educational Strategic Plan (copy available on www.rus18.org) was approved by the RSU 18 Board of Directors in April, as well as the adoption of our new proficiency/standards based PK through Grade 12 Curriculum. These accomplishments are the foundational building blocks for RSU 18's Strategic Direction that will best prepare the students leaving our schools to be ready for the next step in their life's journey whether that be college, career/technical, military, or just good citizens in the communities where they will live and work. As I stated in my Superintendent's Report last year, this work will be the primary focus of our efforts over the next four to five years. We would welcome the opportunity to come out to your communities to talk about RSU 18's Educational Vision and would also like to hear from you if you know of any community groups that might like an update of this work as well.

In addition to this we continue to face the challenges of a still struggling economy, along with the reality of significantly lower revenues to developing a fiscally responsible school budget. Many folks put in a great deal of effort in order to get this year's budget of \$31,972,592 adopted on October 2nd, 2012 after three attempts. The approved budget is lower than the 2006-07 combined school budgets of MSAD 47 and China Public Schools by \$150,000 (\$32,124,701). There are not many public entities out there now running on a funding plan that is significantly less than six years ago. When looking at efficiency metrics of running a school system, RSU 18 has consistently exhibited operating costs that are more than \$1,000 less than the state average year after year, and these metrics show that your tax dollars are being spent where they matter most: in the classroom. (Reference: <http://dw.education.maine.gov/education/medw/default.aspx>).

We are always working towards making the RSU 18 School District more efficient and looking at ways to improve our operation. This spring construction was completed on our Biomass (wood chip) Boiler that provides heat and hot water to Messalonskee High School, Messalonskee Middle School and Williams Elementary School. Completion of this project saves us more than \$250,000 annually with fuel costs at current levels over what was previously spent heating these schools. Above and beyond this is the fact that this money is being spent locally to help make the Central Maine economy stronger rather than being spent on fuel oil and leaving the State of Maine immediately.

Another highlight this year was the initiation of what hopefully will become an annual event. The first RSU 18 Employee Recognition Day was held November 1, 2012. While this was a full day of recognition, the day culminated with a reception at the High School where employees and their families came to take a few moments to relax and enjoy themselves. Our students pitched in to help decorate the cafeteria and to make employee thank you's. Letters of Thank You, Recognition, and Support to our staff came from Commissioner of Education, Stephen Bowen and Senator Susan Collins. Also, several state representatives attended our event as well. It was definitely a fun thing to do.

Also, this past year we saw the Town of China vote on whether they should form a committee to investigate the possibility of China withdrawing from RSU 18. While the Maine Legislature created a way for towns to consider this option, the citizens of China voted in November not to proceed. The vote to stay with RSU 18 was 75% yes and 25% no. This most recent vote very much reflects the original vote taken by China to join with the former MSAD 47 school district back in 2008. While not perfect, RSU 18 has seen a lot of growth and change in the past four years. Contracts and policies have been combined, efficiencies of combining the two school districts have produced savings and a sound educational vision has been developed and adopted. For RSU 18, consolidation has produced benefits that exist today and will for years to come.

Your schools are led by a very capable and dedicated Board of Directors who have devoted many hours of service for the students, families and residents of Belgrade, China, Oakland, Rome and Sidney. They do a wonderful job, and if you are out and about and happen to see them, please remember to thank them for their many hours of service on your behalf.

Finally, this past fall we launched a new version of the RSU 18 web site (www.rsu18.org). A concerted effort was taken to make our web site more easy to use and to ensure that information was being updated on a much more regular basis so that you would have a regular place to go to hear about the good things happening in our schools. The web site work is

not where it needs to be yet, but significant improvements have been made. If you have a chance, please take a look and offer us your opinions. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,
Gary N Smith
Superintendent of Schools

Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group
www.belgradelakesmaine.com

The Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group (BLRBG) had another very successful year in 2012. Our membership held steady and we were able to sponsor, fund, and support many activities for the town and region. These activities included the 4th of July parade and fireworks, loon calling contest, Oktoberfest, and Christmas Stroll.

We would like to send a sincere Thank You for all you who have joined us for the 2012 season and encourage other local businesses to join the group and participate in the benefits and community support that the group offers. Without our members we would not be able to fund the events that make our community unique and special. The group also offers exposure to the public through our printed maps which are distributed throughout the area and a state of the art website to increase visitor traffic and allow our business members to promote what they and our region have to offer.

We would also like to encourage our members to attend our monthly meetings and take advantage of this opportunity to meet with fellow business owners and gain knowledge from our informational speakers. These meetings are open to the public and we hope that you will join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 8:30-9:30am at the Maine Lakes Resource Center.

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. The business group matches these funds in order to sponsor the full day of events. Continued support by Belgrade voters allows us to continue this great tradition.



We are looking forward to another productive year in 2013!

Meghan Loubier
President, BLRBG

BELGRADE TREE COMMITTEE

The mission of the Tree Committee is to encourage stewardship and appreciation of Belgrade's trees through education, research, conservation efforts, and public information. The Tree Committee remains active in pursuit of this mission.

This past year the Committee continued its efforts to maintain a canopy of street trees in Belgrade Lakes Village. The Committee purchased several burr oaks and sugar maples, and a black tupelo, all of which were planted along Main Street. These trees were planted in the vicinity of existing silver maples which are most likely near the end of their life spans, or will be lost when the Dept. of Transportation moves forward with its traffic improvement project for the Village. Although the project may be a few years away, we are planting trees now so that they can gain size before the larger trees are removed. The Committee anticipates pruning some of the existing trees in early 2013 to reduce the potential for limb breakage, and to maintain to the extent possible, the health of those larger trees.

The Tree Committee also assisted the Town by determining the number of cedar trees and the locations for those trees to be planted at the sand/salt shed at the corner of Route 8 and 11 and the Cemetery Road. You will see those trees on the south side of the shed. We also performed tree maintenance work where the Committee had, earlier, planted trees and shrubs at Hayden Park, the Center for All Seasons, the North Belgrade Community Center, and in Belgrade Lakes Village. At the Center for All Seasons the Committee also assisted by conducting a "hazard tree" survey in preparation for removal of hazard trees and limbs.

In March, several members of the Committee attended DOT's "Trees, Weeds, and Roads" Workshop, targeted to public agencies that deal with roadside vegetation.

Unfortunately, the Tree Committee lost one of its most valuable and respected members early in the year. Abbott Ladd passed away unexpectedly. Abbott was a devoted member of the committee, rarely missing a meeting, and always offering sound advice. In his honor, the Tree Committee plans to plant a sugar maple tree at the site of Belgrade's new library in the spring.

I would like to thank Tree Warden Tish Carr, and all of the members of the tree committee for their dedication, including Chris Buchanan, Jon Dyer, Loyce Hayslett, Rhaeto Pfister, Wayne Smith, and Phil Sprague. We are looking for additional members for the committee. If you are interested in joining us please contact the town office staff.

Rich Baker, Chairman

Belgrade-Rome Special Needs Food Pantry

The Mission Statement of the Belgrade/Rome Special Needs Food Pantry is to serve with caring and understanding the basic household needs of our neighbors, the residents of Belgrade and Rome. The following statistics explain why we need the valuable services our Food Pantry provides:

- One in every 8 Maine people lives below the “official” poverty line-\$17,600 for a family of 3
- Most now agree that nearly *double* that amount is needed to make ends meet
- By this measure, 1 in 3 Maine people don’t have sufficient income to meet basic needs
- Nearly 13% of Maine families don’t always have enough food to fully meet their family’s basic needs
- Maine has among the highest rates of food insecurity in the nation, ranking 11th highest
- Food insecurity in Maine is 43% higher than the average of other New England states

The Food Pantry is able to assist our fellow neighbors only with the monetary assistance and item donations of the taxpayers of Belgrade and Rome, schools, clubs, churches, foundations, government and private business support and the 40-plus volunteers.

In 2012, the Food Pantry had 60 households registered from Belgrade; of those 60 households, 23 were new applicants. In 2012, the Food Pantry served 24 households from Rome and 9 were new applicants who received food and essential household items. In 2012, the Pantry received over 10,200 individual item donations and distributed more than 21,700 food items.

The Food Pantry served an average of 32 families each month in 2012 , all who were eligible to receive a weeks worth of household items once every four weeks. That amounts to 384 weeks of food we are able to provide from “your” Food Pantry to “your” neighbors. At Christmas time we were able to distribute an additional 60 baskets (a record high) which included an entire meal consisting of meat, fresh and canned vegetables and all the trimmings.

The Food Pantry would like to thank the Towns of Belgrade and Rome and all the individuals who help to make this service possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Marylou Butterfield, Director

Board of Directors:
Vicky Bedard, Secretary and Winter Manager; Betty Weaver, Summer Manager; Ken Weaver, Treasurer; Linda Hale, Volunteer Coordinator, Maureen Maslak, Hilda Bridgham

Belgrade Draggin' Masters Snowmobile Club

The Belgrade Draggin' Masters Snowmobile Club is happy to report good attendance at the club meetings. The trail crews were busy this fall as usual: we got basic work done early in the season on most sections of trail- they have been bush-hogged, trimmed and signs have been posted. A new ramp was built and installed on Great Pond. The fields are staked out, signage is up, and we are ready! The first snow of the season provided a good base; now we need some serious snow!

The club invites you to check out our website <http://www.belgradedragginmasters.com>. Our website truly promotes the Belgrade area recreational activities and businesses. It is about much more than just snowmobiling as we try to provide information that promotes all winter activities. As of December 2012 the site had 17,739 visits and 47,531 page views. We provide up-to-date trail conditions and information on current activities. The Club welcomes any suggestions or information that would be beneficial for the website.

The Club thanks the voters for their continued support by providing us access to snowmobile registration dollars shared from the State. These funds are used for material costs incurred to maintain the Belgrade trail system. As a club, we put in more than 700 hours of labor at no charge-it is totally a volunteer effort. Because of this group, 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! We continue to have one of the best maintained local trail systems in the State. I personally wish to thank all the hard-working Club members.

We held the 28th Belgrade Annual Fishing Derby in February 2012. This major fund raising event was successful and was held early enough to avoid the early spring weather. The Center for All Seasons works very well for the weigh-in. It provides plenty of parking and a large area for weigh-in. We also want to promote this great Town facility. We donate some of these fund raising dollars to the local Food Pantry. We are making plans for this years Derby, which will be held on February 17, 2013.

Local businesses continue to support our efforts through donations. At several intersections we have posted a sign advertising many of those businesses. We also list businesses on our website. Thank you for your continued 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 appreciations, we invite all landowners and their families to attend our annual landowners' supper. This year, it will be held at the Center for All Seasons on Saturday, April 6, 2013 at 5pm. We will be serving a complete spaghetti dinner including all the fixings. 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 immediate attention to your concerns.

Again thanks to all townspeople for your continued support-happy trails/riding to all!

Sincerely,
Lou Ashland
President

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January 11, 2013

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 serves many functions in the communities of Kennebec County. In addition to rural patrol, the Law Enforcement Division provides many regional assets to our communities including Drug Investigations, K-9, Dive Team, Accident Reconstruction and the Special Response Team.

In 2012, Deputy Sheriffs responded to a total of 29,029 calls for service. We answered (458) calls for service involving theft; (830) motor vehicle accidents with (10) reconstructions; (436) alarms; (269) domestic violence; (224) 911 hang-ups; (120) assaults; (144) K-9 calls and (731) assisting other agencies. We also managed (83) registered sex offenders within the County and registered (172) at the agency.

During the past year, our Correctional Facility managed 3,226 inmates. The offenses committed by defendants included 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. Despite significant fiscal challenges, the CARA program continues to operate, serving as a state-wide substance abuse treatment program.

Inmates at the Kennebec County Correctional Facility are required to work. Inmates that are considered to be a risk to the community work inside the facility cleaning and cooking, while others are supervised on outside projects. For every two days worked, one day is reduced from their sentence, resulting in a \$683,000 bed day savings to the citizens of Kennebec County. Throughout 2012, inmates worked 25,439 community service hours, valued at approximately \$190,793. Our inmates raised 45,738 pounds of produce for the inmate kitchen and area food pantries in 2012.

We are committed to providing innovative programs to reduce crimes, assist victims and to provide 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 will provide the 122,150 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

Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance

Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA) has many functions: as an umbrella organization for the five Belgrade region lake associations, as a land trust for the Belgrade Lakes watershed, and as a conservation clearinghouse. *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 collaborating with our partner organizations, including the towns. We are the “boots on the ground” working to prevent and contain the spread of invasive plants, to reduce soil erosion and phosphorus runoff to the lakes, and to conserve land and traditional recreational opportunities. We work with landowners to help them achieve their land and water conservation goals to the benefit of the community.

Lake Trust

The summer of 2012 brought more than 5,000 visitors through the Maine Lakes Resource Center (MLRC), BRCA's new home. Many of the visitors came for one of the seven summer lectures this summer. Lecture topics ranged from Maine animals – bears, bees, crayfish and loons – to environmental issues such as dam removal on the Penobscot River and abrupt climate change. BRCA members hit the trails and lakes for guided hikes, bikes, and paddles. BRCA board president, Mel Croft led the ever popular Eskers Hike twice this summer. The BRCA held a number of workshops this summer, including Bat House Building, Penobscot Basketry – and new this year – fly tying and fly casting with Trout Unlimited. It was quite a sight to see future fishermen practicing their casting in the backyard. The biggest event of the summer was the Family Fun Day held on July 28th at the MLRC. Over 80 t-shirts were painted with either “Check your Boat” or “Plant a Buffer” with Maureen Maslak at the Belgrade Lakes Association's table. They also observed how water moves through our watershed with the North Pond Association volunteers led by Rick Watson. Tanks of stream critters that live in our watershed were on display with McGrath Pond and Salmon Lake's Benton Purnell explaining them. A game of ‘Musical Milfoil’ played with Mel Croft of the East Pond Association explained the impact of invasive plants. Children were given passports to get stamped at each activity and upon successful completion they received a trail map of BRCA trails and a pair of sunglasses. Also, on September 1st, BRCA hosted our 6th annual 5k RACE FOR THE LAKES with nearly 100 runners competing.

Land Trust

BRCA has helped to conserve 9,000 acres in the watershed through land acquisition and conservation easements. This includes the 6,500 acre Kennebec Highlands, as well as popular recreational spots like The Mountain, French Mountain, and Mount Phillip. In 2012, we added a 300 acre wetland property in Smithfield and a 40 acre farm easement in Belgrade. We continue to pursue land conservation throughout the Belgrade Lakes watershed, and are currently working on several new projects.

BRCA Milfoil Program

This past summer, 11,995 courtesy boat inspections (CBI) were performed between May and September 2012 at the seven public boat launches on the six Belgrade area lakes. This amounts to over 5,165 paid staff hours and over 2,330 volunteer hours of boat inspections and included four “saves”. A “save” occurs when a courtesy boat inspector removes an invasive species from a boat either going into a lake or coming out. Since 2003, our CBI program has performed approximately 15% of all boat inspections in Maine. This year, CBIs helped prevent the spread of invasive plants into all of the lakes and removed invasive plant fragments from boats exiting Messalonskee Lake on several occasions. In 2007, our CBI program was awarded the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program, Maine Center for Invasive Aquatic Plants, “Invasive Plant Prevention Award” for outstanding commitment to the protection of Maine's lakes. Thousands of boaters were welcomed to the Belgrade Lakes and taught how to keep these lakes and others free of invasive plants. Fifteen area youths and seven adults had rewarding summer jobs learning about lake ecology, the value of Maine's lakes, and the risk of invasive plants. Without the Town of Belgrade's support, this work cannot be maintained. Total program expenses amounted to \$108,235 in 2012, of which the 5 lake associations contributed \$41,187, or 38%, and the State of Maine contributed \$20,130, or 18.6%. Towns and private donors contribute the remaining funds. The lake associations also contributed about \$40,000 of volunteer time to this effort.

CBI totals for each boat launch:

Great Pond	2,834
Long Pond	2,225

North Pond	1,316
East Pond	1,111
Salmon Lake	1,425
Messalonskee Lake	3,084
Totals	11,995

Courtesy Boat Inspections are only one part of our invasive plant prevention effort. Each year we also survey 6 lakes and Belgrade Stream. The Milfoil Committee has 20 State-certified volunteers who have completed at least 10 hours of training in invasive plant identification. These individuals, with assistance from others, survey shallow high-risk areas. BRCA also continues a milfoil removal program with the Friends of Messalonskee and the Belgrade Lakes Association. This summer, a lot of effort was spent removing variable milfoil from Great Pond and the Great Meadow Stream, and we worked closely with the Departments of Environmental Protection and Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to help contain the milfoil. New England Milfoil, a professional milfoil mitigation company, as well as four hand-pullers were hired to remove milfoil for fifteen weeks. Due to these efforts, almost 50,000 gallons of variable milfoil were removed from the lake. Efforts were also spent to remove variable milfoil from a shallow cove in Messalonskee Lake. Almost 2,000 gallons of milfoil were removed using a Diver Assisted Suction Harvester borrowed from our sister watershed group, the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed. All milfoil is being composted.

BRCA Youth Conservation Corps

For 16 years the Youth Conservation Corps has worked to protect and improve the water quality of the Belgrade Lakes watershed by conducting erosion control projects. In 2012, we employed 12 local high school and college students and completed 77 erosion control projects on all seven Belgrade Lakes. Since 1996, the BRCA Conservation Corps has completed over 800 projects which is the largest program in Maine. Projects were completed on all seven major Belgrade lakes, with Great Pond, Long Pond, and Messalonskee Lake receiving the most work.

From our beginnings in 1988, our membership has climbed to over 1,200 members. Volunteer efforts and donations, along with the support of area towns, including Belgrade, make our conservation efforts successful. We couldn't do the work without your help, and we thank you. Please join us for one of our 25th anniversary events in 2013.

Respectfully submitted by:
BRCA Board of Directors

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January 2013

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Thank you for placing your trust in me and once again electing me to serve the people of Belgrade and all of District 83 in the 126th Maine State Legislature.

During the 126th Legislature, I will be continuing to serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Among the responsibilities of the Appropriations Committee this session will be formulating the biennial budget for fiscal years 2014 and 2015. It is also likely that we will be putting together at least one supplemental budget for the current fiscal year. While every biennial budget is difficult, this year will be even more difficult given the economic slowdown, unknown impacts of fiscal decisions that have yet to be made at the national level, and the increasing costs of programs within the Department of Health and Human Services. Nonetheless I will work hard to ensure that the most vulnerable and needy amongst us continue to receive those services that they need while we move to balance the overall cost of state government with the revenue available.

In addition to my work on the Appropriations Committee, I will also be working on several pieces of legislation that I have submitted. These pieces of legislation cover a broad range of subjects from the issuance of bonds to issues surrounding the work of guardian ad items. Many of the issues that I am working on were brought to my attention by constituents.

To stay informed on these bills, and all other matters before the Legislature, you can visit the Legislature's website at <http://www.maine.gov/legis>. Additionally, if you would like to sign up to receive my weekly e-newsletter, please email to me at: RepDennis.Keschl@legislature.maine.gov.

Please do not ever hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns, or thoughts that you have regarding legislative or state matters. It is with your input that I am best able to represent you.

Dennis L. Keschl
State Representative



Annual Report to Belgrade
A Message from Senator Thomas Saviello
January 2012

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I is an honor to represent you in the Maine Senate, and I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me to work for the betterment of this community and our region. Belgrade is a special community.

Looking back at the results of the past two-year session, I am proud of the work accomplished by lawmakers during an extremely difficult fiscal climate. We increased state funding to local schools, brought solvency to the retiree pension system, created more transparency and accountability at state agencies, and paid back our local hospitals millions of dollars. More importantly, we improved Maine's business climate. According to the 2012 CNBC annual ranking of America's top states for business, Maine climbed five spots from the previous year. The improvements made in education funding and test scores, the state's cost of doing business, infrastructure and transportation, and business friendliness all led to this higher ranking. It is imperative that we do not roll back the steps taken during the 125th Legislature that helped set us on the course toward a brighter future.

Lawmakers have a great deal of work on their plates when the session kicks into full swing in January. The most daunting task will be addressing a \$120 million shortfall within the Department of Health and Human Services and its MaineCare program. We must also address a \$35 million revenue shortfall in the budget that ends June 30 and a projected \$880 million gap in the next two-year budget.

Maine continues to be hampered by high energy costs and an aging population. It is a priority of mine to find a way to lower energy costs, to help preserve the jobs we have in our state and encourage new job growth. Maine has the oldest state population in the nation. We must work in Augusta to pass legislation that will help grow our economy so that our youth can find opportunities here at home to work and live. Until we address these issues, Maine will continue to lag behind other states.

Again, thank you for entrusting me to represent you in Augusta. I look forward to working with you over the next two years and continuing to serve on the Environment and Natural Resources Committee. Please feel free to contact me if you ever need my help in navigating the state bureaucracy. I would be happy to assist in any way that I can. I can be reached in Augusta at 287-1505 or by email at drtom16@hotmail.com.

Sincerely,

Thomas Saviello
Maine State Senator

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. It continues to be an honor to represent you, and I wanted to take a moment to share with you some of the work I've done in Washington and Maine over the last year and look ahead to the rest of this year.

Given the partisan environment and lack of compromise in Washington, I have been looking for ways to help Maine people and the Maine economy that rise above those partisan differences.

One issue I worked hard on last year was local food and local farming. Farming—particularly smaller, sustainable farms—is a growing part of Maine's economy. For too long national farm policy has primarily benefitted giant agribusinesses in other parts of the country. So I introduced the Local Farms, Food and Jobs Act to bring local farmers the resources they need to keep growing.

Every five years, Congress is supposed to pass a farm bill, which sets the nation's farm policy. As we debated a farm bill last year, we were able to get most of the provisions in the Local Farms, Food and Jobs Act included in the legislation. Congress has yet to pass that farm bill, however, but we are working to make sure those important provisions that will help local farms in Maine remain included when they do.

Sometimes the most practical solutions don't even involve legislation or Washington. For example, as the lobster industry struggled with low prices and an oversupply of lobster last summer, I wrote to the heads of all the cruise ship companies that visit Maine. I was surprised to learn that none of them were buying local, fresh lobster for their passengers and I asked the CEO's of each company to consider doing so. I'm happy to say that a number of them agreed to buy lobster locally when their cruise ships made stops in Portland, and ordered thousands of pounds of Maine lobster for their passengers.

I am beginning this year with a new assignment to the House Appropriations Committee. This is a big responsibility, since it is the committee where virtually all the spending decisions are made. These decisions can have a real impact on Maine, from how much funding is available to shipbuilding to things like funding for first responders and schools. Everyone agrees we need to reduce the deficit, but how we go about that is a matter of great debate. I believe we need to cut unnecessary spending but at the same time keep investing in the things that will grow our economy and provide a bright future for our children. And I'm sure we will debate those issues on the Appropriations Committee. I want to also take this opportunity to remind you that I am always ready and willing to help you out if are having an issue with a federal agency. My office can make inquiries to a federal agency on your behalf; connect you with resources and more. No question is too small and we are always happy to hear from you. If there is anything I can do, please don't hesitate to contact me at (888) 862-6500 or www.pingree.house.gov.

Hope to see you in Maine soon,



Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress

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Dear Friends,

It is a privilege to represent Maine in the United States Senate, and I am deeply grateful for the trust the people of Maine have placed in me. Public service is a responsibility I take seriously. In 2012, I reached a milestone by casting my 5000th consecutive roll-call vote. I have never missed a single roll-call vote, a record unique among current Senators.

As we enter 2013, the economy and jobs remain my top priorities. As a senior member of the Defense Appropriations subcommittee, I am committed to keeping our nation secure and our skilled defense workers on the job. I secured funding to keeping our nation secure and our skilled defense workers on the job. I secured funding to increase the shipbuilding programs at Bath Iron Works and advance essential modernization projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. I was honored to receive the Navy League's Congressional Sea Services Award for 2012 as the leading advocate for our maritime services and US shipbuilding.

Maine's economic future recently received a boost with significant federal funds for deep-water, offshore wind energy research and development at the University of Maine and in private sector firms. Maine has some of the strongest and most consistent winds off our coast, and we have some of the world's leading researchers. These funds will help Maine be a world leader in developing this clean, renewable energy source, ultimately resulting in the creation of thousands of good-paying jobs for our state.

As a leader on the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, I am also working to ensure that investments are made in our transportation infrastructure. Early last year, construction began on a modern, safe, and efficient replacement for the Memorial Bridge at Kittery, a project for which I worked to secure funding. Working with the State Department of Transportation, I also secured federal funding to replace the aging Martin Memorial Bridge in Rumford and the decrepit Richmond-Dresden Bridge. In 2013, I will continue to seek funding for improvements in our roads and bridges to make traveling safer and more efficient for our citizens and to facilitate commerce. It is also gratifying to see the heaviest trucks on the Interstates where they belong rather than on our downtown streets and country roads. This is the result of a law I authored in 2011.

Maine's environment is critical to our economy and the health of our residents. I opposed efforts in 2012 that would have weakened the landmark Clean Air Act and would have exposed our state to emissions from coal-fired power plants elsewhere. At the same time, I have continued to work with a bipartisan group of Senators to ensure that federal regulations on industrial boilers protect our environment without imposing onerous burdens on our forest-products industry and other manufacturers.

Many Mainers contacted me last year to express concern about the Postal Service, which is essential to our economy and our way of life. Last year, the Senate approved legislation I co-authored to help put the Postal Service on a sound financial footing since it has been losing billions of dollars. Although the House failed to act on our bill, the Postal Service has heeded my requests to keep open the vital mail processing center in Hampden. I will continue to work to ensure that all Mainers, regardless of the size of their communities, have access to the postal services upon which they rely.

As the daughter of a World War II veteran wounded in combat, I know how important quality, accessible health care is for our Veterans' Homes. Federal health agencies also began an investigation into whether Maine veterans were exposed to toxic defoliant chemicals while training at Gagetown, New Brunswick.

While Congress averted a huge increase in tax rates for middle-income American families and small businesses, there remains a lot of work to be done to reduce our unsustainable \$16.4 trillion debt. It is essential that we do so in a responsible way, but that Washington stop delaying decisions that will help shape our economy and future prosperity. I remain committed to doing all that I can to address your community's concerns in 2013. If I may be of assistance to you in any way, I encourage you to contact my state office in your area.

Sincerely,
Susan M Collins

Code Enforcement Officer's Report

The number of building permits issued was actually less than 2011. Many of the permits issued were for additions versus new homes. Below are the comparisons.

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Single Family Dwellings	8	10
New Seasonal Home	5	0
Alterations/Additions	20	16
Garages/Sheds/Access. Building	34	32
Mobile Homes	5	1
Swimming Pools	0	1
Commercial Structures	2	3
Foundations/Retaining Wall	5	4
Towers	1	0
Home Occupation	1	0
Change Roof Pitch	1	4
Renovations	1	4
Garage to Living Space	1	7
Replace Bathroom	1	1
Sand/Salt Shed	1	0
Playhouse	1	1
Erosion Control	0	1
TOTAL	87	85

If you have any questions regarding a proposed project or other questions, please contact me at home, 495-2258 or at the Belgrade Town Office at 495-2258. Gary Fuller, Code Enforcement Officer.

Plumbing Inspectors Report

The total number of plumbing permits was 63 compared to 45 in 2011. 38 were for external and 25 for interior plumbing. Please remember to contact me when your project is ready for inspection. If you need a permit or inspection, please contact me at home, 495-3868 or the Town Office, 495-2258.

Respectfully submitted
Gary R Fuller
Plumbing Inspector, Town of Belgrade

Town Clerk's Report

Births Recorded in 2012.....	23
Marriages Recorded in 2012.....	24
Deaths Recorded in 2012.....	34

IN MEMORY OF

Carolyn E Alexander	February 20, 2012
Howard G Bishop	October 15, 2012
Jackson D Bolduc	June 17, 2012
John E Caminiti	November 14, 2012
Esther J Childs	December 2, 2012
Philip J Cobb	March 15, 2012
Stephen M Crocker	September 14, 2012
Saralee L Dennis	January 10, 2012
Donald G Dow	October 24, 2012
Nelson L Doyon	November 22, 2012
Enola G V Evans	August 25, 2012
Robert C Flannery	April 2, 2012
George P Frappier	May 18, 2012
Gerald H Furbush	August 6, 2012
Angelina M Gagnon	February 23, 2012
Reona B Heino	July 24, 2012
James E Higgins	May 23, 2012
Abbott B Ladd	March 18, 2012
Linda May Karlsson	November 24, 2012
Kristin N Lawler	June 16, 2012
Cynthia L Maccoll	February 27, 2012
Carl L Mason	February 16, 2012
Joseph M Olivier	February 1, 2012
Roger J Pelletier	March 2, 2012
Edward L Salmon	July 25, 2012
Keith S Savasuk	October 3, 2012
Norma J Skeel	July 22, 2012
Ruth E Stanley	August 12, 2012
Kevin A Stevens	November 26, 2012
John H Tardiff	March 28, 2012
Jeffrey A Tompkins	March 27, 2012
Laurel P Wadleigh	October 17, 2012
Odile H Williams	December 24, 2012
Frederick J Zinckgraf	January 31, 2012

Online Registrations

Dog Licenses	\$ 72.00
Boat Renewals Excise	\$ 1,557.00
Automobiles Excise	\$ 35,373.68

Dog licenses issued- 229

Boston Post Cane Recipient- Belgrade's Boston Post Cane Recipient, Esther J Childs passed away in 2012. Esther was born on March 23, 1913 and passed away on December 2, 2012 at the age of 99. Esther lived a long, healthy exuberant life. God Bless Her! At the time of press, we have not presented the award to the next Eldest Person.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

2009 UNPAID TAXES

MILLS JOEL K	256.64
SOUCY CAROL L	778.92
STILPHEN ARTHUR & BRENDA	1,536.13
WEBSTER JOHN G & SANDRA	1,252.54
WILLEY CECIL	744.98
TOTAL	4,569.21

2010 UNPAID TAXES

ATKINS DIANNE	281.84
BLAISDELL ROBERT C	1,109.96
BROCHU GERALD R JR & CHANTAL M	1,077.21
CHAPUT STEVEN C	933.40
CONANT DOUGLASS E & MELISSA ROSE	43.29
FERELLEC JEANNE TRUSTEE OF	3,929.18
FRENCH GAIL & FRED E SR	884.75
HILL GEOFFREY W	2,511.11
HOWE MICHAEL R SR	1,677.42
HUNT BOB	1,198.80
MADORE ROBIN E	573.98
MARSHALL GILBERT	129.40
MILLS JOEL K	266.08
SERIO FRANK & PAMELA	502.23
SOUCY CAROL L	1,442.99
STILPHEN ARTHUR & BRENDA	1,511.94
WASSERMAN ROBERT F	2,783.92
WEBSTER JAMISON	200.76
WEBSTER JOHN G & SANDRA	2,693.28
WILLEY CECIL	765.34
TOTAL	24,516.88

2011 UNPAID TAXES

ADAMS, STACIE	147.63
AMIK REALTY LLC	9,439.51
ATHOS THOMAS	144.69
ATHOS THOMAS	194.67
ATKINS DIANNE	995.56
BARNES GERALD C & DONNA J	2,884.21
BEEDLE DUANE & JULIE	466.57
BERUBE GERARD & BONNIE L	1,026.56
BICKFORD RONALD E & FRANCES A	246.11
BICKFORD THOMAS & PAULA	1,098.57
BLAISDELL ROBERT C	1,201.46
BROCHU GERALD R JR & CHANTAL M	1,170.59
BROCHU GERALD R JR & CHANTAL M	1,364.60
BURGESS CHRIS J	689.98
CHAPUT STEVEN C	1,376.36
CHILDS KATHLEEN (LIFE ESTATE)	511.94
CONANT DOUGLASS E & MELISSA ROSE	825.07
DANFORTH VERONICA	489.13
DAVIS JEFFREY & REBECCA	810.37
DOSTIE FLORIAN & EVELYN	3,150.37
EAST-WEST TRUST	348.99
ELLIS KIMBERLY J	1,067.71
FARRIS JACQUELINE L	344.58
FERELLEC JEANNE TRUSTEE OF	4,008.72
FINLEY MARTIN S JR	767.88
FRAPPIER GEORGE & ELIZABETH	356.12
FRENCH GAIL & FRED E SR	801.68
GILLESPIE, CASEY L	69.69
GRANT SHAWN	726.59
GRANT SHAWN A	784.04
GUITTE PARRIS A & PAMELA J	2,387.56
HILL GEOFFREY W	3,786.78
HOWE MICHAEL R SR	1,754.09
HUNT BOB	1,498.35
KADNAR KEITH J & STEPHANIE S	1,679.13
KELLEY JEANNE	124.12
LANDRY LINDA L	1,074.06
LANGUET JON A	2,358.17
LEMELIN JIMM R SR & EILEEN	835.49
LEWIS DON M II	2,330.77
MADORE ROBIN E	581.22
MARSHALL GILBERT	127.06
MEGILL MARK	665.95
MERROW CHRISTOPHER	1,172.70
MILLETT TINA	692.92
MILLS JOEL K	266.69
MORRISON EUGENE W	219.39
OSBORNE GARY M & AMY S	3,201.68
PIERCE RENEE R	1,670.46
PRAY EDNA REALTY TRUST	746.01
PUPPA DAREN & MARGARET	33,302.67
RACKLIFF NELSON F	976.58
RHOADES, LEANNE	106.48
ROSE KELLY	685.36
SERIO FRANK & PAMELA	3,057.65
SINGLETON JAMES	175.56

SOU CY CAROL L	1,467.49
ST PIERRE STACY	2,600.55
STEVENS ORMAND	870.76
STILPHEN BRENDA	1,548.32
STRATTON, HAL	238.76
TUKEY COLLEEN	1,045.66
URIARTE MARCIA C	3,323.80
VISTA DEVELOPMENT INC	87.24
VISTA DEVELOPMENT INC	87.24
VISTA DEVELOPMENT INC	87.24
WASSERMAN ROBERT F	2,838.78
WASSERMAN ROBERT F	53.39
WEBSTER JAMISON	617.96
WEBSTER JOHN G & SANDRA	2,746.18
WILLEY CECIL	776.69
WILSON BETTY	1,534.97
WOOD HARVEY & JOYCE	2,108.30
WRIGHT CHESTER D & KAREN S	723.78

Total

125,743.96

2012 Unpaid Taxes

ADAMS, STACIE	92.01
AINSLIE JAY & DEBRA	844.86
AKJ ASSOCIATES	3,225.31
ALEXANDER KEITH	981.09
ALLEY ROXANNE	223.46
AMIK REALTY LLC	9,801.39
ARDITO RALPH	1,711.24
ATHOS THOMAS	89.62
ATHOS THOMAS	164.91
ATKINS DIANNE	843.86
BAKER JAMES H & KIMBERLY	548.51
BALLARD GLEE C	1,592.94
BARCLAY BARRY & TRUDY	1,487.78
BARCLAY BARRY & TRUDY	2,526.23
BARNES GERALD C & DONNA J	2,799.89
BARROWS FREEMAN JR	829.33
BEARCE JEFFREY & JOANNA	1,461.49
BEEDLE DUANE & JULIE	376.42
BELGRADE LAKES CAMPS CONDO ASSOC.	53.77
BENNER DAVID, SUE & ANDRE FRANCIS	489.95
BERRY MARK W	285.60
BERRY MARK W	2,008.79
BERRY MARK W	365.67
BERUBE GERARD & BONNIE L	826.94
BICKFORD THOMAS & PAULA	1,157.96
BLAISDELL ROBERT C	1,297.77
BONAMO FREDERICK	375.23
BONNEFACE DARLENE	1,800.86
BRANN, ROBERTO	246.17
BRENDA STEPHEN	3,096.25
BRETON FOREST	541.33
BRIDGES DONALD	604.67
BROCHU GERALD R JR & CHANTAL M	1,175.88
BROCHU GERALD R JR & CHANTAL M	1,373.05

BRODY MORTON A & JUDITH L	4,399.99
BUCK PATRICIA	2,928.95
BURCH KATHRYN	1,461.98
BUREAU KENNETH E & DORNA R	2,465.29
BURGESS CHRIS J	621.40
BURKE SEAN F & ROBERTA L	273.65
BURNS JOHN & KATHERINE	15.33
CARDALI EMILE J	988.26
CAREY JAMES JEFFREY	2,510.69
CARPENTER TINA	3,231.28
CARPENTER TINA	166.11
CG DEVELOPMENT	283.21
CHADBOURNE THEODORE S	265.29
CHAPUT STEVEN C	1,340.79
CHILDS KATHLEEN (LIFE ESTATE)	1,025.31
CIFORELLI ROBERT & ESTHER	2,174.90
CLARK DOUGLAS & KATHERINE	1,448.34
CLARK DOUGLAS M & KATHERINE J	1,754.26
CLAUSEN GLENN J	243.78
COCHRAN MARION	248.56
CONANT DOUGLASS E & MELISSA	730.15
COTE HENRY R & CAROL A	367.21
CROSBY DONALD L	1,514.06
CROSSLAND LINDA A	365.67
CULBERTSON STEPHEN	3,282.66
CYNTHIA J GUILLES, TRUSTEE	10.00
DANFORTH VERONICA	607.06
DAVIS JEFFREY & REBECCA	797.07
DEAN DAVID & DOROTHY	204.34
DENEEN JAYNE D	2,719.82
DESIMONE MICHAEL D	273.65
DEVOE ROBERT H	3,835.95
DEXTER PATRICK VERNON	1,756.14
DOLAK ROBERT A & JULIA A	1,373.05
DOSTIE FLORIAN & EVELYN	3,271.91
DRAPER, WILLIAM	517.43
EAST-WEST TRUST	271.27
EATON NANCY M	935.19
ELLIS BEVERLY & DIANA	13.15
ELLIS DIANA	114.72
ELLIS KIMBERLY J	1,000.21
ENGEL JOHN S	135.04
ESTABROOK RUTH G	3,072.35
FARINA JOHN P	1,271.46
FARRIS CAROL & EARL	581.96
FARRIS CAROL & EARL	271.85
FARRIS CAROL & EARL	265.29
FARRIS CAROL & EARL	266.48
FARRIS CAROL & EARL	268.88
FARRIS CAROL & EARL	270.07
FARRIS CAROL & EARL	299.95
FARRIS JACQUELINE L	268.88
FEEGEL RAYMOND E & STEPHANIE Y	1,208.14
FELDBOUSE WALTER B	1,718.41
FELDMUS AARON	1,430.42
FERELLEC JEANNE TRUSTEE OF	3,780.98
FERRE CHRISTINA & EMILE	6,271.36
FINLEY MARTIN S JR	694.30
FISCHER KEITH J & DONNA A	1,408.91
FITZGERALD DAVID JR	1,720.80

FORD MARK A TTEE DE MOES REALTY TR	7,348.05
FOWLER CLYDE A JR	5,371.53
FRANKLIN SAVINGS BANK	2,140.25
FRANKLIN SAVINGS BANK	3,769.03
FRAPPIER GEORGE & ELIZABETH	1,151.98
FRENCH FREDERICK E JR	11.17
FRENCH GAIL & FRED E SR	800.65
FRENCH GREGORY	1,117.32
FRENCH HELEN	854.43
FULLING TAMMY & NATHANIEL	2,668.44
GAGNON CHARLES	130.26
GARDNER JEANETTE F & NEIL L	1,704.07
GARDNER JEANETTE F & NEIL L	139.82
GENOVAY JOHN J & BONNIE	316.67
GERRIE MARY P	376.42
GILLESPIE, CASEY L	2,158.17
GRANT SHAWN	740.90
GRANT SHAWN & MARK BERRY	421.84
GRANT SHAWN A	2,553.71
GRANT SHAWN A	724.17
GREEN WAYNE	210.32
GUITTE PARRIS A & PAMELA J (TRUSTEES)	2,461.70
HANNA VIKTORIA	180.45
HAUF ROBERT C & MURIEL	34.35
HILL GEOFFREY W	3,951.87
HILLIARD GARY & JULIE	366.86
HILLIARD GARY & JULIE	284.41
HILLIARD GARY & JULIE	283.21
HILLIARD GARY & JULIE	283.21
HILLIARD GARY & JULIE	384.79
HILLIARD GARY & JULIE	130.26
HILLIARD GARY L	282.02
HILLIARD GARY L.	314.28
HILLIARD JULIE A & GARY TRUSTEES	6,619.11
HOMSTEAD ARIANA J.	1,140.30
HOOPER LUCRETIA	938.08
HOWE MICHAEL R SR	1,646.71
HUNT BOB	1,775.77
HUTCHINSON-FONTANA DIANE	513.76
JABAR JOSEPH M JR	1,327.65
JENNEY DOUGLAS G	668.00
JENNEY SPENCER	201.65
KADNAR KEITH J & STEPHANIE S	1,747.09
KELLEY JEANNE	71.70
KENNEBEC CAMPS JR	13,013.55
KING NICOLE L & SUZANNE M	359.69
KNOX-VOINA JANE	1,588.15
KRIKORIAN PATRICIA & STEPHEN J	2,407.92
LABUN-MICHAUD ANGELIQUE S	11.53
LAFLAMME MONIQUE	2,111.56
LAFRENIERE GARY L & JEAN E	1,878.54
LAFRENIERE STEPHEN M	524.60
LAGRANGE DAVID	2,869.20
LAGRANGE DAVID	266.48
LAMBERT DAWN & SHIRLEY TAMMY	1,847.47
LANDRY LINDA L	1,448.34
LANGDON BRIAN J NIKKI K	301.14
LANGUET JON A	2,343.40

LAVENSON JOEL	3,415.31
LAVENSON JOEL & CRISTA	1,819.99
LAVENSON JOEL S & CRISTA C	8,213.23
LEMELIN JIMM R SR & EILEEN	771.97
LEWIS DON M II	3,351.97
LEWIS THOMAS SANDRA & JOSEPH	425.02
LIBBY STEVEN & MAE	829.33
LISTER ROBERT M	1,330.74
LITTLE ROSEMARIE	1,279.84
LOG CABIN LLC	11.88
LORD DAVID	403.91
MACGOVERN ROBERT & TAMMY	132.64
MADOLE HARRY & JANICE	25.86
MADORE ROBIN E	407.49
MARSHALL GILBERT	74.09
MARTIN GAIL	1,379.03
MATHEWS VICKI M & VINCENT S	2,623.02
MATHEWS VICKI M & VINCENT S	338.18
MCDOWELL ANDREW R & KRISTIN L	1,365.88
MCFARLAND JANE	812.60
MCKAY JACK & CRYSTAL	1,227.26
MCKENNA CHERYL	219.88
MEGILL MARK	938.08
MERROW CHRISTOPHER	869.96
MERROW MICHAEL J & CARRIE	1,396.34
MILLETT TINA	609.45
MILLS JOEL K	198.37
MODERN HOMES INC	35.85
MODERN HOMES INC	33.46
MONK BETH	138.62
MOORE BARBARA & STANLEY B JR	2,974.35
MORRISON EUGENE W	634.54
MOUYOS CHERYL/FITZGERALD	841.54
MARGUERIT	
NELSON SUSANNA D	6,161.72
NOEL CAROL	1,559.48
O' CONNOR WILLIAM & DONALEE	3,625.63
OCONNOR DEBRA	390.77
OHALLORAN CAMP ASSOCIATION	3,220.52
OSBORNE GARY M & AMY S	3,297.00
PAINE ANGELA M	896.25
PALLEN, ANDREW R & NATALIE A	17.28
PELLETIER ROGER & THERESA	884.30
PEPIN ROBIN L	1,917.98
PEPPER DAVID	262.90
PEPPER DAVID E.	455.29
PEPPER DAVID E.	2,634.98
PEPPER GORDON J & PRISCILLA	1,651.49
PEPPER-MORIN CYNTHIA M TRUST	181.64
PEPPER-MORIN CYNTHIA MAY TRUST	592.72
PHILBRICK PAUL C	1,392.18
PHILLIPS FAMILY CAMP INC	2,992.28
PIERCE RENEE R	1,910.80
PINKHAM CATHERINE M (SCONIERS)	748.07
POULIN CATHLEEN L	1,038.06
PRAY EDNA REALTY TRUST	1,043.23
PUPPA DAREN & MARGARET	28,371.69
RACKLIFF NELSON F	1,359.91
REYNOLDS PHILIP A	755.24
RHOADES, LEANNE	56.16

ROGERS-STEVENS DENISE	250.95
ROGERS-STEVENS, DENISE	229.44
ROGUE ENTERPRISES LLC	2,250.19
ROGUE ENTERPRISES LLC	2,517.86
ROSE KELLY	1,302.55
SABEAN ELEANOR C	45.73
SALSBURY CARROLL	859.21
SANTANA CARLOS A & ELLEN B	1,713.63
SAUCIER JAMES	3,067.56
SAWYER CARROLL	50.19
SAWYER CARROLL	439.76
SAWYER CARROLL	1,177.07
SEIDERS DWAYNE J & HEATHER A	1,111.35
SEIFERT BETTY L & WALTER K	540.14
SERIO FRANK & PAMELA	2,918.19
SHAW GLENWOOD & ROSA S	240.19
SHEPARD AMY	3,601.73
SHEPHERD SHARON	1,232.80
SHIRLEY & LAMBERT ASSOCIATES, INC.	2,515.48
SHIVERICK DAYLE HUGHES	1,800.86
SINGLETON JAMES	117.11
SKEEL RICHARD D	2,027.91
SOUCY CAROL L	1,454.31
ST PIERRE STACY	2,467.67
STEVENS ORMAND	824.55
STILPHEN BRENDA	1,463.87
STILPHEN BRENDA M	2,399.91
STRATTON HAL	166.11
STRATTON HAL	53.77
STRATTON HAL M & GAYLE L	1,192.56
TERHUNE SUSAN	2,395.04
THAYER ELLIOT B & RHONDA S	6,277.33
THE JULIA A ELLIS TRUST	37.11
THERIAULT DANIEL R	1,307.33
TUKEY COLLEEN	1,014.56
TUKEY FAMILY TRUST	101.38
URIARTE MARCIA C	3,389.02
VINTINNER RALPH & MICHELLE	3,083.10
VISTA DEVELOPMENT INC	33.46
VISTA DEVELOPMENT INC	33.46
VISTA DEVELOPMENT INC	33.46
WALDMAN DAVID H	2,023.98
WASSERMAN ROBERT F	2,899.07
WASSERMAN ROBERT F	46.61
WATSON JAMES S, TRUSTEE OF	2,154.58
WEBSTER GLORIA	16.73
WEBSTER GLORIA	275.22
WEBSTER JAMISON	432.59
WEBSTER JOHN G & SANDRA	2,534.59
WEDGE BRIAN & MEGAN	151.76
WENDELL ALVAH & ANDREW	175.67
WHITE BARRY M & ERICA L	2,998.48
WILLEY CECIL	809.01
WILLMATT COMPANY LLC	90.10
WILSON BETTY	1,441.17
WILSON ROBERT W & DONNA L	1,266.70
WOOD HARVEY & JOYCE	2,009.99
WOYTOWICZ JOHN M	2,021.94
WRIGHT CHESTER D & KAREN S	666.81

ZALOT MARCELLA	2,032.69
ZAMBELLI STEPHEN V & BARBARA E	146.61
ZOZULA ROBERT B & MARYANN	4,769.25

Total	408,763.09
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2010 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

DEVINE DONALD A	48.30
SHIRLEY & LAMBERT ASSOC INC	441.60
STILPHEN, ARTHUR & BRENDA	77.28

Total	567.18
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2011 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

ADP, INC	8.46
ARDITO RALPH	35.25
BRASS KNOCKER GIFT SHOP	16.92
DEVINE DONALD A	49.35
SHIRLEY & LAMBERT ASSOC INC	451.20
STILPHEN, ARTHUR & BRENDA	78.96

Total	640.14
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2012 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

ARDITO RALPH	29.87
BRASS KNOCKER GIFT SHOP	14.34
DAY'S REAL ESTATE	83.65
DEVINE DONALD A	41.83
ROWE, RODNEY	66.92
SHIRLEY & LAMBERT ASSOC INC	382.40

Total	619.01
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ABATEMENTS

Nicole M Covelli	\$ 168.36
Kevin Hawes	\$ 351.09
Rene Smith	\$ 218.69
Bromley & Alice Sweet	\$ 157.74
Poverty Abatement	\$1140.30
Russell N. Dejong	\$2728.19
Adam Lomba et al	\$ 167.30
Joan D Pfaffle	\$ 119.50
Barry Morrell (2010)	\$ 38.64
Barry Morrell (2011)	\$ 39.48
Richard & Joan Tripp	\$ 419.45
Ronald Smith (2010)	\$ 448.50
Ronald Smith (2011)	\$ 458.25
Nye Family Trust	\$ 168.50

Joseph & Tammy Simpson	\$ 537.75
Gayle & Marianne Finkbeiner	\$ 132.65
Tonia Stevens (2010)	\$ 345.00
Tonia Stevens (2011)	\$ 352.50
Tonia Stevens (2012)	<u>\$ 525.80</u>
TOTAL	\$8583.42

SUPPLEMENTS

KFAR(Camp Modin)	\$6900.00
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EMPLOYEES SALARIES

Town Manager	\$52,499.20
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$37,689.60
Treasurer	\$37,128.00
Deputy Clerk/Deputy Registrar	\$29,432.00
Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk	\$33,092.80
Recreation Director	\$31,500.04
Selectmen	\$100/\$150 Per Mo
Maintenance/Sexton	\$31,532.80
Code Enforcement	\$20.35 Per Hour
Fire Personnel	FF \$11.55/Chief \$13.85
Chiefs Stipend	\$2212.00
Rescue Medics	\$12.50 Per Hour
Basic EMT's	\$12.00 Per Hour
Librarian	\$15.79 Per Hour
Asst. Librarian	\$9.50 Per Hour
Animal Control	\$307.70 Per Mo
Transfer Station Manager	\$13.00 Per Hour
Transfer Sta/Roads' Laborer	\$10.00-\$11.00 Per Hour

(Figures in last year's Town Report were incorrect)

**TOWN OF BELGRADE
2013 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 15th, 2013 at 7:45 a.m. to elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting, to elect Town Officers for the ensuing year(s) and to vote by secret ballot on Articles 2 to 12. Polls are to be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The inhabitants of the Town of Belgrade, qualified to vote in the Town affairs, are hereby also warned to assemble at the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons, on Saturday, March 16th, 2013, at 1:00 P.M., to act on Article 13 to the end of the Warrant. In the event of inclement weather, a date of Monday, March 18th, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., has been set, with the inhabitants of the Town of Belgrade to assemble and act on Article 13 to the end of the warrant, at the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons.

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

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

Two Selectpersons -three year term
One Road Commissioner-one year term
One R.S.U. #18 Member- three year term

(ARTICLE 3) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$50,159 to support the operational budget for The Center for All Seasons?

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 3 Against: 1 Absent: 1
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 4 Against: 1 Absent: 1

(ARTICLE 4) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$137,437 to support the recreational programs and events at the Center for All Seasons?

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 1 Absent: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 2 Against: 1 Absent: 3

(ARTICLE 5) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$48,849 to support the Library budget?

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 1 Absent: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0 Absent: 1

(ARTICLE 6) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town authorize rental income generated from renting properties located at #8 and #10 Dalton Lane to be placed into a capital reserve account to be used for maintenance on all Town owned buildings and properties. (Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve Account) Appropriations of funds from the Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve account will be allowed by majority vote of Select Board.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 1 Absent: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 2 Against: 1 Absent: 3

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

(ARTICLE 7) 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?

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

(ARTICLE 8) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to support the Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area?

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

(ARTICLE 9) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$4,500 to support the Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group's July 4th fireworks with a set rain date?

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 1 Absent: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0 Absent: 1

(ARTICLE 10) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to support Kennebec Behavioral Health?

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 2 Against: 3 Absent: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 2 Against: 3 Absent: 1

(ARTICLE 11) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$2,041 to support Central Maine Area on Aging; AKA- Spectrum Generations?

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

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

(Article 12) To proceed with the voting by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$4,250 for seven Belgrade town line signs, for two Welcome to Belgrade signs, for three park signs, and for the following facility signs: Sand/Salt Shed, North Belgrade Community Center, Transfer Station, Town Maintenance Garage, and the Old Town Hall.

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

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

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

(ARTICLE 13) To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectpersons to act on the following:

- Spend an amount not to exceed one-fourth of the approved budget for 2013 between January 1, 2014 and the date of the regular 2014 Town Meeting.
- Vote to accept any and all overdrafts and balances that have lapsed, and are not otherwise directed, to the Undesignated Fund.
- Vote to set Friday, September 13, 2013 as the date that the 2013 property taxes are due, and charge interest at the rate of 4% per annum on taxes paid after September 13, 2013, 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 2% per annum from the date of the tax payment to the date the abated amount is refunded to the taxpayer. (Note: 7% Maximum per State Treasurer)
- Vote to use the excess funds collected for school budget in fiscal year 2012, in the amount \$128,014.26 to lower 2013 taxes.

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

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

(ARTICLE 14) To see if the Town will appropriate revenues from the following sources in 2013 to reduce the 2013 Property Tax Commitment:

	<u>2013 Proposed</u>
Vehicle Excise Tax	\$600,000
License/Permit Fees	7,000
Town Fees	18,000
Boat Excise	17,000
Interest & Cost Fees	30,000
Cable Franchise Fees	43,000
Investment Income	3,500
Recreation Revenues	<u>77,000</u>
Total	\$795,500

2012 Budget: \$824,000

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

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

(ARTICLE 15) To see if the Town will agree to establish Capital Reserve Accounts with unspent funds, and to draw such funds for expenses, for the Board of Appeals: \$4,000, Planning Board: \$7,450, Code Enforcement(legal): \$19,759, Dams: \$35,042, and Tree Committee (not to exceed total of \$10,000): \$3,599.

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

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

(ARTICLE 16) To see if the Town will authorize the following accounts to be carried forward to the current year:

Comprehensive Plan	\$29,093
Dalton Property	4,811
Street Scape	1,500
Storage Preservation	<u>6,000</u>
	\$41,404

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

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

(ARTICLE 17) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$436,100 to support the costs associated with municipal operations and administrative activities. Itemized requirements are as follows:

Selectpersons: (Including Emergency Funds \$7,500)	\$16,455
• Board of Appeals	3,310
• Administration: (Town Office Operations, Maintenance, Admin Support, Wages & Benefits)	285,859
• Town Manager: (Salary \$59,080)	79,990
• Assessing/Review:	28,300
• Planning Board:	7,985
• Growth Management(KVCOG Dues)	7,976
• Hearings/Elections:	<u>6,225</u>
Total Article	\$ 436,100

2012 Budget: \$420,705

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 1 Absent: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 3 Against: 0 Absent: 3

(ARTICLE 18) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,704 from the Fire Department Capital Reserve account for second year payment on two fire trucks and appropriate \$19,630 from the Public Works Road Maintenance and Paving Capital Reserve account for the second year payment on the Sand/Salt Shed, for a total sum \$50,334.

2012 Budget: \$50,334

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

(ARTICLE 19) To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to add to the Town Office Reserve Account for the purpose of purchasing land to build on and/or for the construction of a new town office?

2012 Budget: \$50,000

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 1 Absent: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0 Absent: 1

CONTINGENCY ARTICLES-CFAS & LIBRARY

VOTE (ARTICLE 20) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$25,549 to support the cost of heat, lights, and upkeep of recreational facilities for the calendar year 2013. (Article 20 is required if Article 3 is defeated)

2012 Budget: \$25,344

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 1 Absent: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0 Absent: 1

(ARTICLE 21) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$26,085 to support the cost until 03-31-2013 and the maintenance costs for the Center for All Seasons for the calendar year 2013. (Article 21 is required if Article 3 and Article 4 are defeated)

2012 Budget: \$27,465

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 1 Absent: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0 Absent: 1

(ARTICLE 22) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$12,250 to support the cost of salaries until 03/31/2013 for the library, this includes any maintenance required for the calendar year 2013. (Article 22 is required if Article 5 is defeated.)

2012 Budget: \$10,684

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 1 Absent: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0 Absent: 1

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

(ARTICLE 23) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$81,638 to support the following Divisions of the Public Safety Department:

Public Information Officer	\$970
Contracted Law Enforcement	1,000
Fire Department Capital Reserve	40,000
Rescue Capital Reserve	10,000
Code Enforcement Officer	21,668
Municipal Streetlights	<u>8,000</u>
Total Article	\$81,638

2012 Budget: \$228,972

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

(ARTICLE 24) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$100,431 to support the Fire Department and place all unspent funds into/or draw any revenue short fall from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Account.

2012 Budget: \$99,830

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

(ARTICLE 25) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$45,207 to support the Rescue Department, and place all unspent funds into/or draw any revenue short fall from the Rescue Department Capital Reserve Account.

2012 Budget: \$46,669

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

(ARTICLE 26) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$32,825 to support the Public Safety Answering Point. (Call answering \$6,378, dispatch services \$7,974 and rural dispatch, \$18,473).

2012 Budget: \$32,825

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

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

(ARTICLE 27) To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$301,760 and appropriate \$107,597 from the Road Maintenance & Paving Capital Reserve Account for general maintenance, plowing, sanding and salt for Town roads as follows, with any unexpended balance to lapse back into the Road Maintenance & Paving Capital Reserve Account:

General Maintenance:	\$107,597
Maintenance of Salt/Sand Shed	750
Plow & Sand:	194,000
Sand & Salt:	<u>107,010</u>
Total Article:	\$409,357

2012 Budget: \$407,683

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0 Absent: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 4 Against: 1 Absent: 1

(ARTICLE 28) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$12,500 from the Road Maintenance & Paving Capital Reserve Account for the following: \$5,000 to purchase 50% of a brine solution system with the remaining 50% to be paid by M-DOT and \$7,500 for three brine solution tank systems, a onetime revenue request.

2012 Budget: \$0

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

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

(ARTICLE 29) To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$246,300 and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 from the Road Maintenance and Paving Capital Reserve Account, for a total of \$286,300 for Road Maintenance and paving projects with any unexpended balance to lapse back into the Road Maintenance and Paving Capital Reserve Account:

Chandler Road	(grind, remove rocks, ditch, & culverts)	\$40,000
	(Pave in 2014)	
Taylor Woods Road	(3700 LN Ft (shim + 1" finish (9mm))	57,000
Minot Hill Rd.	(4650 Ln Ft (grind 2 1/2" lift (19.5 mm)	147,000
Old Route #27	(1025 Ln Ft (grind-3" base (19.5mm))	42,000
Bid Advertising		<u>300</u>
Total		\$286,300

2012 Budget: \$332,100

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

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

(ARTICLE 30) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$59,903 to support Town Facility Maintenance.

2012 Budget: \$53,710

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

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

(ARTICLE 31) To see if the Town will raise \$201,923 and appropriate \$35,000 from anticipated revenue from Solid Waste Operations for a total request of \$236,923. Place all unspent funds into/or draw any revenue short fall from the Solid Waste Capital Reserve Account.

2012 Budget: \$211,152

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

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

(ARTICLE 32) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$10,000 for the purchase of a used pick up, for use by all departments.

2012 Budget: \$0

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

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

(ARTICLE 33) To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$8,646 for Landfill Monitoring and grounds maintenance on the closed Dunn Road Landfill and the closed Chandler Road landfill as required by D.E.P. Landfill Closure regulations.

Dunn Rd. Landfill Monitoring:	\$6,146
Dunn Rd. Landfill bush hogging:	1,000
Chandler Rd. Landfill bush hogging:	1,000
Chandler Rd. Landfill fertilizer:	<u>500</u>
	\$8,646

2012 Budget: \$7,146

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

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

(ARTICLE 34) To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate a total of \$25,000 to install a heated lunch area and a bathroom at the Belgrade Transfer Station with any unexpended balance to lapse back into the Solid Waste Capital Improvement Reserve.

Construction Trailer	\$4,500
Well	9,500
Septic System	6,500
Install Construction Trailer	<u>4,500</u>
	\$25,000

2012 Budget: \$0

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

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

(ARTICLE 35) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$35,653 and appropriate \$25,314 from the Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust earnings for a total of \$60,967 to support costs of operation and maintenance of Belgrade Cemeteries for 2013. Itemized requirements are as follows:

Personnel Wages & Benefits	\$38,842
Services & Contracts	4,390
Supplies & Materials	10,350
Capital Outlay, Land & Equipment	6,500
Licensing	635
Advertising	<u>250</u>
Total	\$60,967

2012 Budget: \$60,125

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

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

(Article 36) To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$1,250 and appropriate \$1,250 from the Cemetery Perpetual Care Interest for a total of \$2,500 to be placed into the Water Line Capital Reserve Account.

2012 Budget: \$ 0

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

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

SOCIAL SERVICES

(ARTICLE 37) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$23,236 as compensation and support for the following Social Service Divisions:

• Health Officer: (Stipend & Travel)	\$ 450
• Town Historian:	400
• Animal Control Officer:	11,086
• General Assistance:	10,100
• Memorial Day:	200
• Emergency Fuel Fund	<u>1,000</u>
Total Article:	\$23,236

2012 Budget: \$23,236

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

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

****RECREATION****

(ARTICLE 38) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$17,152 for the operations of the following divisions of the Recreation Department:

- All Town facilities excluding
Center For All Seasons \$ 8,825
- North Belgrade Com. Center: 8,327
- Total Article: \$ 17,152

2012 Budget: \$16,952

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

(ARTICLE 39) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the Library Capital Reserve.

2012 Budget: \$5,000

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

(ARTICLE 40) To see if the Town will agree to the following:

- Place all unspent Recreational funds into/or draw any revenue short fall from the Recreation Capital Reserve Account.
- Place all unspent Library funds into the Library Capital Reserve Account.
- This article will remain in effect, until changed by a vote of a future town meeting.

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

(ARTICLE 41) To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Parks & Recreation to conduct fundraising to support the capital and/or operating and programming costs for the Belgrade Recreation department with the first \$77,000 of revenues to be applied to the reduction of taxes, and revenues above this amount to be placed in the Recreation Capital Reserve.

2012 Budget: \$75,000

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 1 Absent: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 3 Against: 2 Absent: 0

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

(ARTICLE 42) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$5,600 as Belgrade's share of 2013 operating/maintenance costs of the region's three dams - Belgrade Lakes, Wings Mills, and Salmon Lake. Total projected cost in 2013 equals \$10,000 (Rome's share = \$2,700 and Oakland's share = \$1,700).

2012 Budget: \$5,600

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

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

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

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

2012 Budget: \$11,900

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

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

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

VOTE: (ARTICLE 44) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to pay interest charges and costs associated with the Tax Anticipation Note in 2013.

2012 Budget: \$14,390

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

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

*****UNCLASSIFIED*****

(ARTICLE 45) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate \$24,115 to pay Workers and Unemployment Compensation premiums for all municipal employees.

2012 Budget: \$23,491

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

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

TRUST ACTIVITIES

(ARTICLE 46) To see if the Town will authorize, designate or release the collective sum of \$13,000 as dictated by the following trusts and funds:

Authorize use of DC Stevens Fund Interest:	\$ 13,000
Total Article:	\$ 13,000

Note: DC Stevens Fund interest to benefit Belgrade Central School students.

2012 Budget: \$12,545

Select persons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0 Absent: 0

(ARTICLE 47) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the amount of \$500 to support a scholarship from the Town to the highest ranking Belgrade senior graduating in 2013 and continuing his/her education.

2012 Budget: \$500

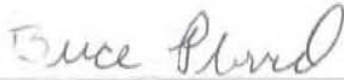
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Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5 Against: 0 Absent: 1

BUDGETARY AUTHORIZATION

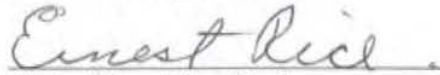
****VOTE (ARTICLE 48) To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$0.00 established for Belgrade by state law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that of the property tax levy limit.**

****The budget presented for fiscal year 2013 does not require a vote on Article 48, to increase the property tax limit. The budget is under the limit by \$65,141.83**

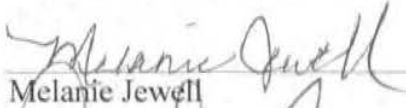
BOARD OF SELECT PERSONS



Bruce Plourd, Chairman



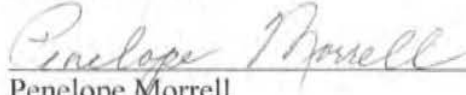
Ernie Rice, Vice Chair



Melanie Jewell



Daniel Newman



Penelope Morrell

A true copy
Attest:


Jeremy Damren, Public Information Officer

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER'S RETURN

By virtue of the within Warrant to me directed, I have warned and notified the Voters of the Town of Belgrade to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose therein named, by posting attested copies of the within Warrant at: Christy's Country Store, Belgrade Post Office, Belgrade Lakes Post Office, Day's Store and the Town Office, the same being public and conspicuous places within the said Town of Belgrade on the 7th day of March, 2013.


Jeremy Damren, Public Information Officer

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2012

Maine Municipal Audit Services, PA

Mindy J. Cyr, CPA

Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Belgrade
Belgrade, Maine

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Belgrade, Maine, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012, 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's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we 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. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly in all material respects the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Belgrade, Maine, as of December 31, 2012, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

The budgetary comparison schedule on page 20 is supplemental information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Belgrade, Maine's basic financial statements. The combining and individual non-major fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining and individual non-major fund financial statements have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Maine Municipal Audit Services, PA

Levant, Maine
February 12, 2013

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233 South Levant Road, Levant, Maine 04456
Phone: (207) 884-6408 Email: maineaudits@gmail.com

Town of Belgrade, Maine
Statement of Net Assets
December 31, 2012

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,354,413.36
Investments	710,260.22
Taxes receivable	452,892.35
Tax liens receivable	179,190.22
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	7,342,543.00
Non-depreciable capital assets	686,700.00
<i>Total assets</i>	<i>10,725,999.15</i>
LIABILITIES:	
Prepaid property taxes	5,241.99
Accounts payable	34,821.11
Due to other governments	15,392.59
Non-current liabilities:	
Accrued compensated absences	18,396.43
Due within one year	37,909.17
Due in more than one year	344,435.40
<i>Total liabilities</i>	<i>\$ 456,196.69</i>
NET ASSETS:	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	7,646,898.43
Unrestricted	2,622,904.03
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 10,269,802.46

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Town of Belgrade, Maine
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2012

	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets	
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Primary Government Governmental Activities	Total
<i>Governmental activities:</i>					
General government	\$ 586,617.07	\$ 19,408.95	\$ -	\$ (567,208.12)	\$ (567,208.12)
Public safety	241,326.69	-	-	(241,326.69)	(241,326.69)
Public works	421,287.48	-	49,584.00	(371,703.48)	(371,703.48)
Health and sanitation	226,968.29	39,778.15	15,343.37	(171,846.77)	(171,846.77)
Education	4,827,639.77	-	-	(4,827,639.77)	(4,827,639.77)
County tax	622,965.38	-	-	(622,965.38)	(622,965.38)
Interest expense	28,880.76	-	-	(28,880.76)	(28,880.76)
Leisure services	116,998.70	-	-	(116,998.70)	(116,998.70)
Social services	36,727.45	-	-	(36,727.45)	(36,727.45)
Intergovernmental	15,558.60	-	4,400.00	(11,158.60)	(11,158.60)
Unclassified	27,664.40	-	-	(27,664.40)	(27,664.40)
Depreciation	304,377.00	-	-	(304,377.00)	(304,377.00)
<i>Total governmental activities</i>	<i>7,457,011.59</i>	<i>59,187.10</i>	<i>69,327.37</i>	<i>(7,328,497.12)</i>	<i>(7,328,497.12)</i>
Total primary government	\$ 7,457,011.59	\$ 59,187.10	\$ 69,327.37	\$ (7,328,497.12)	(7,328,497.12)
<i>General revenues:</i>					
Property taxes, levied for general purposes					6,567,841.14
Motor vehicle excise taxes					641,317.24
Interest and lien fees					35,711.43
Licenses and permits					9,329.42
<i>Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs:</i>					
Homestead exemption					31,776.00
State revenue sharing					133,731.10
Tree growth					12,381.55
Other					16,570.08
Unrestricted investment earnings					6,422.04
Miscellaneous revenues					142,093.82
Transfers in from Fiduciary Fund					21,844.76
<i>Total general revenues and transfers</i>					<i>7,619,018.58</i>
 <i>Changes in net assets</i>					 290,521.46
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING					9,979,281.00
NET ASSETS - ENDING				\$	10,269,802.46

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Town of Belgrade, Maine
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2012

	General Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,354,413.36	\$ 1,354,413.36
Investments	710,260.22	710,260.22
Taxes receivable	452,892.35	452,892.35
Tax liens receivable	179,190.22	179,190.22
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,696,756.15	\$ 2,696,756.15
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:		
<i>Liabilities:</i>		
Prepaid property taxes	\$ 5,241.99	\$ 5,241.99
Accounts payable	34,821.11	34,821.11
Due to other governments	15,392.59	15,392.59
Deferred property taxes	505,600.00	505,600.00
<i>Total liabilities</i>	<i>561,055.69</i>	<i>561,055.69</i>
<i>Fund balances:</i>		
Assigned	1,005,885.02	1,005,885.02
Unassigned	1,129,815.44	1,129,815.44
<i>Total fund balances</i>	<i>2,135,700.46</i>	<i>2,135,700.46</i>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 2,696,756.15	
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets (Stmt. 1) are different because:		
Depreciable and non-depreciable capital assets as reported in Statement 1		8,029,243.00
Long-term liabilities as reported on Statement 1		(400,741.00)
Deferred property taxes not reported on Statement 1		505,600.00
NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES		\$ 10,269,802.46

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Town of Belgrade, Maine
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2012

	General Fund	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:		
Property taxes	\$ 6,557,241.14	\$ 6,557,241.14
Excise taxes	641,317.24	641,317.24
Intergovernmental revenue	263,786.10	263,786.10
Charges for services	59,187.10	59,187.10
Licenses and permits	9,329.42	9,329.42
Investment income	6,422.04	6,422.04
Interest and lien fees	35,711.43	35,711.43
Other revenue	142,093.82	142,093.82
Total revenues	7,715,088.29	7,715,088.29
EXPENDITURES:		
General government	568,220.64	568,220.64
Public safety	430,685.69	430,685.69
Public works	671,312.48	671,312.48
Health and sanitation	226,968.29	226,968.29
Education	4,827,639.77	4,827,639.77
County tax	622,965.38	622,965.38
Debt service	1,871,536.19	1,871,536.19
Leisure services	367,118.70	367,118.70
Social services	36,727.45	36,727.45
Intergovernmental	15,558.60	15,558.60
Unclassified	27,664.40	27,664.40
Total expenditures	9,666,397.59	9,666,397.59
<i>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures</i>	<i>(1,951,309.30)</i>	<i>(1,951,309.30)</i>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):		
Transfers in	21,844.76	21,844.76
Proceeds from Tax Anticipation Note	1,800,000.00	1,800,000.00
Total other financing sources (uses)	1,821,844.76	1,821,844.76
<i>Net change in fund balances</i>	<i>(129,464.54)</i>	<i>(129,464.54)</i>
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	2,265,165.00	2,265,165.00
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 2,135,700.46	\$ 2,135,700.46

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

(Continued)

**TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The Town of Belgrade, Maine (the Town) was incorporated in 1796. The Town operates under a board of selectmen – town manager form of government and is incorporated under the laws of the State of Maine.

The accounting policies of the Town conform to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management’s Discussion and Analysis – For State and Local Governments*, and its amendments, established new financial reporting requirements for governments and caused the Town to restructure much of the information presented in the past. The more significant of the government’s accounting policies are described below.

In evaluating how to define the Town for financial purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include a potential component unit in the reporting entity is made by applying the criteria set forth in GASB Statement No. 14 *The Financial Reporting Entity* as amended by GASB Statement No. 39. The basic, but not the only, criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is the governing body’s ability to exercise oversight responsibility. Based on the criteria, it was determined that no other entities should be included in the Town’s financial statements.

B. Basis of Presentation

The Town’s basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the Town as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the Town’s major funds). Both the government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business-type.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Government-wide financial statements consist of a Statement of Net Assets and a Statement of Activities and reports information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the Town as a whole.

The Statement of Net Assets reports all financial and capital resources of the Town and reports the difference between assets and liabilities, as “net assets” not fund balance or equity. The Statement of Activities shows the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenue and reflects the “net (expense) revenue” of the Town’s individual functions before applying general revenues. The Town has elected not to allocate indirect costs among programs. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers for services and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported as general revenues.

**TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

B. Basis of Presentation (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the Government-wide financial statements. The focus of governmental and proprietary fund financial statements is on major funds. Major individual governmental funds and major individual proprietary funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements, with non-major funds being aggregated and displayed in a single column. The General Fund is always a major fund.

Because of the basis of accounting and reporting differences, summary reconciliations to the Government-wide financial statements are presented at the end of each applicable fund financial statement.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Governmental Fund Types

General Fund – The general fund is the general operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Fiduciary Fund Types

Fiduciary funds account for assets held by the Town in a trustee capacity. Expendable trust funds are used to account for donations received for town related organizations which will be used by those organizations. Non-expendable trust funds are held for investment with the interest only available for cemetery expenditures. The private purpose trust fund held by the Town is an expendable trust fund.

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting is a conceptual description of the timing of the accounting measurements made.

The Government-wide financial statements use the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with GASB #34. Revenues are recorded when earned, and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the grantor have been met.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the Government-wide financial statements.

**TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Governmental Fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis concept, revenues are recognized when they become measurable (estimable as to the net amount to be collected) and available as current assets. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available, it is the government's policy to use restricted resources first, and then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

D. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

Formal budgetary accounting is employed as a management control for the general fund only. Annual operating budgets are adopted each fiscal year by the registered voters of the Town at their annual Town meeting. Budgets are established in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Budgetary control is exercised at the selectmen level, since individual department heads do not exist. All unencumbered budget appropriations lapse at the end of the year unless specifically designated by the Board of Selectmen or required by law.

E. Assets, Liabilities, Fund Equity, Revenue, Expenditures and Expenses

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include currency on hand, demand deposits with financial institutions, and other accounts with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased. Investments are recorded at fair value.

Interfund Receivables and Payables

Short-term advances between funds are accounted for in the appropriate interfund receivable and payable accounts.

Capital Assets and Depreciation

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment and infrastructure assets (roads, bridges, sidewalks and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. The Town defines capital assets as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical costs or estimated historical costs if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Property, plant, and equipment are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Buildings and Improvements	10-40
Infrastructure	20-35
Machinery and Equipment	5-10

Net Assets and Fund Balances

In the Government-wide financial statements, the difference between the Town's total assets and total liabilities represents net assets. Net assets displays three components – invested in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted (distinguished between major categories of restrictions); and unrestricted. Unrestricted net assets represents the net assets available for future operations.

In the Fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balances for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. These designations are categorized as follows:

Committed – Funds that can only be used for a specific purpose pursuant to constraints imposed by residents through voting for the articles proposed during a Town meeting. The constraints on these amounts may only be modified or rescinded by a vote of the residents at a Town meeting.

Assigned – Funds intended to be used for specific purposes set by the Board of Selectmen.

Unassigned – Funds available for any purpose.

Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue arises when potential revenue does not meet both the "measurable" and "available" criteria for recognition in the current period. Deferred revenue arises when resources are received by the Town before it has legal claim to them. In subsequent periods, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, or when the Town has a legal claim to the resources, the liability for deferred revenue is removed from the balance sheet and revenue is recognized.

**TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Property Taxes

Property taxes for the current year were committed on July 3, 2012, on the assessed value listed as of April 1, 2012, for all real and personal property located in the Town. Payment of taxes was due on September 14, 2012 with interest at 4% on all tax bills unpaid as of the due date.

The Town is permitted by the laws of the State of Maine to levy taxes up to 105% of its net budgeted expenditures for the related fiscal period. The amount raised in excess of 100% is referred to as overlay and amounted to \$76,873.61 for the year ended December 31, 2012.

Tax liens are placed on real property within twelve months following the tax commitment date if taxes are delinquent. The Town has the authority to foreclose on property eighteen months after the filing of the lien if tax liens and associated costs remain unpaid.

Compensated Absences

The Town awards vacation and sick time for employees based on years of employment. Employees may carry forward unused accrued compensated time. At December 31, 2012, accrued vacation and sick time was \$18,396.43.

Risk Management

The Town pays insurance premiums to certain agencies to cover risks that may occur in normal operations. The Town purchases employee fidelity bond coverage. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year. No settlements of claims have exceeded insurance coverage in the current year.

The Town is a member of the Maine Municipal Association – Worker Compensation Trust Fund ("Fund"). The Fund was created to formulate, develop and administer a program of modified self-funding for the Fund's membership, obtain lower costs for worker compensation coverage and develop a comprehensive loss control program. The Town pays an annual premium to the Fund for its workers compensation coverage. The Town's agreement with the Fund provides that the Fund will be self-sustaining through member premiums and will provide, through commercial companies reinsurance contracts, individual stop loss coverage for member Towns' claims in excess of \$400,000, with an excess limit of \$2,000,000.

The Town is a member of the Maine Municipal Association – Property Casualty Pool ("Pool"). The Pool was created to obtain lower rates for its members. The Town pays an annual premium for its property and liability coverage. Under the property coverage portion of the Pool, coverage is provided, after the deductible is met, to \$200,000,000. Under the liability portion of the Pool, coverage is provided, after the deductible is met, to \$1,000,000.

Annual Property Tax Mil Rate Calculation

Municipal Budget
+ Education (RSU # 18)
+ County
= Total Expenditures

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

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

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

Commitment
÷ Total Municipal Assessments
= Mil Rate

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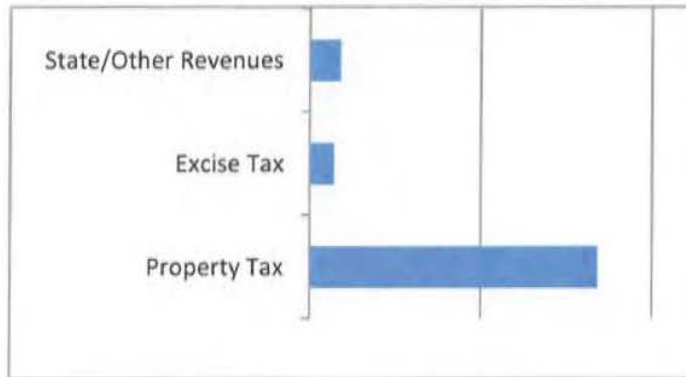
### ***2012 Property Tax Calculations***

|                                   |                                       |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2012 Municipal Property Valuation | = \$554,830,780                       |
| Total Revenues Required           | = \$8,015,609.22                      |
| Total Non-Property Tax Revenues   | = \$1,519,604.01                      |
| Net Raised through Taxation       | = \$6,496,005.22                      |
| With Overlay (\$76,837.60)        | = \$6,572,878.82                      |
| Commitment ÷Valuation             | = 01195 Mil Rate                      |
|                                   | (\$11.95 per \$1,000.00 of valuation) |

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

### Where the money comes from

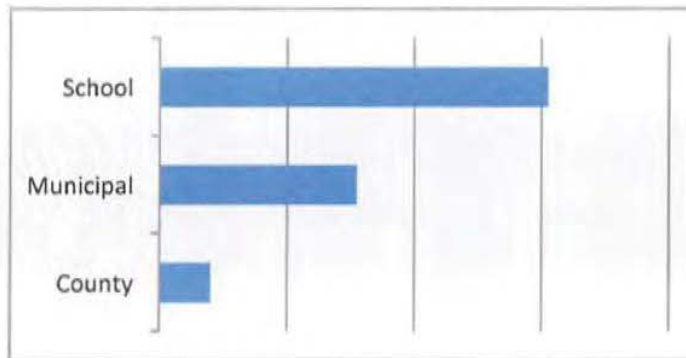
Property Tax  
Excise Tax  
State/Other Revenues



84%  
7%  
9%

### Where it went in 2012 Analysis of Total Budget by Percentage

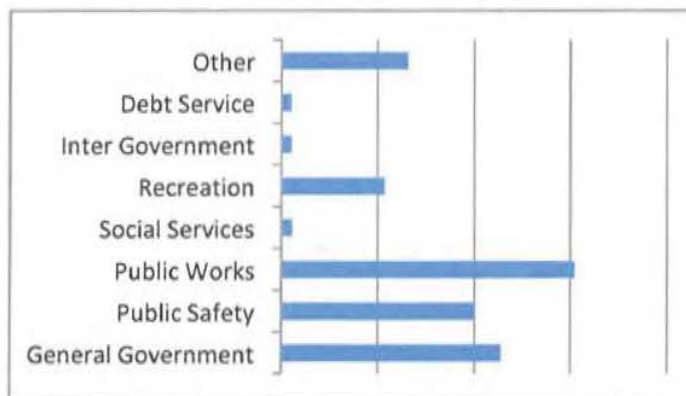
County  
Municipal  
School



8%  
31%  
61%

### Analysis of Municipal Budget by Percentage

General Government  
Public Safety  
Public Works  
Social Services  
Recreation  
Inter Government  
Debt Service  
Other



22.8%  
19.9%  
30.4%  
1.1%  
10.7%  
1%  
1%  
13.1%



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Notes: 1) Fiscal year=calendar year. 2.) Amounts for County and School are projections only.

| Area of Expenditure               | 2013(P)             | 2012                | 2011                | 2010                |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>General Government:</b>        |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Board of Selectmen                | 16,455.00           | 14,955.00           | 14,955.00           | 14,955.00           |
| Board of Appeals                  | 3,310.00            | 3,806.00            | 2,381.00            | 2,531.00            |
| Administration                    | 285,859.00          | 276,669.00          | 269,079.00          | 268,252.00          |
| Town Manager                      | 79,990.00           | 76,739.00           | 76,797.00           | 56,724.00           |
| Assessing Review                  | 28,300.00           | 28,300.00           | 27,700.00           | 73,500.00           |
| Planning Board                    | 7,985.00            | 4,492.00            | 4,492.00            | 6,592.00            |
| Growth Management                 | 7,976.00            | 7,319.00            | 37,319.00           | 7,319.00            |
| Hearings & Elections              | 6,225.00            | 8,425.00            | 5,375.00            | 4,100.00            |
| <b>General Government Totals:</b> | <b>436,100.00</b>   | <b>420,705.00</b>   | <b>438,098.00</b>   | <b>433,973.00</b>   |
| <b>Public Safety</b>              |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Constable/Civil Emergency         | 970.00              | 1,970.00            | 1,970.00            | 1,970.00            |
| Fire Department                   | 133,256.00          | 135,355.00          | 134,704.00          | 129,719.00          |
| Fire Dept. Capital Reserve        | 40,000.00           | 40,000.00           | 40,000.00           | 40,000.00           |
| Rescue Squad                      | 45,207.00           | 46,669.00           | 43,284.00           | 41,111.00           |
| Rescue Capital Reserve            | 10,000.00           | 10,000.00           | 10,000.00           | 10,000.00           |
| Code Enforcement                  | 21,668.00           | 21,303.00           | 29,562.00           | 33,847.00           |
| Street Lighting                   | 8,000.00            | 9,200.00            | 9,000.00            | 8,900.00            |
| <b>Public Safety Totals:</b>      | <b>259,101.00</b>   | <b>264,497.00</b>   | <b>268,520.00</b>   | <b>265,547.00</b>   |
| <b>Public Works</b>               |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Roads, General Maintenance        | 107,597.00          | 107,597.00          | 107,597.00          | 107,597.00          |
| Roads, Paving                     | 286,300.00          | 332,100.00          | 330,748.00          | 400,048.00          |
| Roads, Plowing & Sanding          | 314,560.00          | 300,086.00          | 300,207.00          | 374,401.00          |
| Solid Waste Management*           | 236,923.00          | 211,152.00          | 220,122.00          | 233,440.00          |
| Cemetery                          | 60,967.00           | 60,125.00           | 52,237.00           | 57,940.00           |
| Landfill Closure                  | 8,646.00            | 6,146.00            | 6,146.00            | 6,146.00            |
| Facilities Maintenance Support    | 59,903.00           | 53,710.00           | 55,548.00           | 44,650.00           |
| <b>Public works Totals:</b>       | <b>1,074,896.00</b> | <b>1,070,916.00</b> | <b>1,072,605.00</b> | <b>1,224,222.00</b> |
| * Includes Recycling              |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| <b>Social Services</b>            |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Health Officer                    | 450.00              | 450.00              | 450.00              | 450.00              |
| Town Historian                    | 400.00              | 400.00              | 400.00              | 400.00              |
| Animal Control                    | 11,086.00           | 11,086.00           | 11,086.00           | 10,589.00           |
| General Assistance                | 10,100.00           | 10,100.00           | 7,300.00            | 7,300.00            |
| Memorial Day                      | 200.00              | 200.00              | 200.00              | 200.00              |
| Donations                         | 10,541.00           | 6,000.00            | 15,773.00           | 10,107.00           |
| Town Fuel Fund                    | 1,000.00            | 1,000.00            | 0.00                | 500.00              |
| <b>Social Services Totals:</b>    | <b>33,777.00</b>    | <b>29,236.00</b>    | <b>35,209.00</b>    | <b>29,546.00</b>    |

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|                                             | 2013(P)             | 2012                                      | 2011                | 2010                |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Recreation</b>                           |                     |                                           |                     |                     |
| Recreation Facilities                       | 8,825.00            | 8,825.00                                  | 8,825.00            | 7,470.00            |
| The Center for All Seasons                  | 50,159.00           | 59,907.00                                 | 44,726.00           | 45,960.00           |
| North Belgrade Community Center             | 8,327.00            | 8,127.00                                  | 12,927.00           | 12,035.00           |
| Library                                     | 50,159.00           | 42,235.00                                 | 41,525.00           | 41,529.00           |
| Library Capital Reserve                     | 2,000.00            | 5,000.00                                  | 5,000.00            | 5,000.00            |
| Recreation Programs                         | 137,437.00          | 139,302.00                                | 107,003.00          | 89,500.00           |
| <b>Recreation Totals:</b>                   | <b>256,907.00</b>   | <b>263,396.00</b>                         | <b>220,006.00</b>   | <b>201,494.00</b>   |
| <b>Inter-Government</b>                     |                     |                                           |                     |                     |
| Belgrade Lakes Conservation                 | 9,900.00            | 9,900.00                                  | 9,900.00            | 9,900.00            |
| Dams                                        | 10,000.00           | 10,000.00                                 | 10,000.00           | 10,000.00           |
| Belgrade Tree Committee                     | 2,000.00            | 2,000.00                                  | 2,000.00            | 2,000.00            |
| <b>Inter-Government Totals:</b>             | <b>21,900.00</b>    | <b>21,900.00</b>                          | <b>21,900.00</b>    | <b>21,900.00</b>    |
| <b>Debt Services</b>                        |                     |                                           |                     |                     |
| Bond Payments & Interest                    | 50,334.00           | 50,333.00                                 | 0.00                | 0.00                |
| Tax Anticipation Note                       | 20,000.00           | 14,390.00                                 | 43,963.00           | 23,445.00           |
| <b>Debt Services Totals:</b>                | <b>70,334.00</b>    | <b>64,723.00</b>                          | <b>43,963.00</b>    | <b>23,445.00</b>    |
| <b>Unclassified</b>                         |                     |                                           |                     |                     |
| Workers & Unemployment Compensation         | 24,115.00           | 23,491.00                                 | 13,932.00           | 12,637.00           |
| <b>Unclassified Totals:</b>                 |                     | <b>23,491.00</b>                          | <b>13,932.00</b>    | <b>12,637.00</b>    |
| <b>Trust Funds</b>                          |                     |                                           |                     |                     |
| D.C. Stevens Enrichment                     | 13,000.00           | 12,500.00                                 | 12,700.00           | 16,400.00           |
| Town of Belgrade Scholarship                | 500.00              | 500.00                                    | 500.00              | 500.00              |
| R.A. Guptill                                | 0.00                | 45.00                                     | 45.00               | 45.00               |
|                                             | <b>13,500.00</b>    | <b>13,045.00</b>                          | <b>13,245.00</b>    | <b>16,945.00</b>    |
| <b>New Articles:</b>                        |                     |                                           |                     |                     |
| Used Pick up, Maintenance & Fuel            | 10,000.00           |                                           |                     |                     |
| Transfer Station:                           | 25,000.00           |                                           |                     |                     |
| Brine System & 3 Tanks                      | 12,500.00           | ( Appropriate from Roads Capital Reserve) |                     |                     |
| <b>New Article Totals:</b>                  | <b>47,500.00</b>    |                                           |                     |                     |
| <b>Total Municipal Requirements</b>         | <b>2,221,825.00</b> | <b>2,487,519.00</b>                       | <b>2,127,478.00</b> | <b>2,229,859.00</b> |
| <b>County &amp; School District</b>         |                     |                                           |                     |                     |
| Kennebec County*                            | 640,018.58          | 611,707.47                                | 620,125.00          | 606,217.00          |
| RSU #18*                                    | 4,867,495.30        | 4,816,970.76                              | 4,716,808.00        | 4,661,301.42        |
| <b>County &amp; School District Totals:</b> | <b>5,507,513.88</b> | <b>5,428,678.23</b>                       | <b>5,336,933.00</b> | <b>5,267,518.42</b> |
| * Estimate                                  |                     |                                           |                     |                     |
| <b>Total Requirements</b>                   | <b>7,729,338.88</b> | <b>7,916,197.23</b>                       | <b>7,464,411.00</b> | <b>7,497,377.42</b> |

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| Area Of Revenue                               | 2013(P)           | 2012              | 2011              | 2010              |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Taxes, Licenses, &amp; Permits</b>         |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Vehilce Excise Tax                            | 600,000.00        | 600,000.00        | 600,000.00        | 600,000.00        |
| Boat Excise Tax                               | 17,000.00         | 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                      | 7,000.00          | 5,000.00          | 7,000.00          | 6,000.00          |
| Interest and Cost Fees                        | 30,000.00         | 30,000.00         | 25,000.00         | 25,000.00         |
| <b>Taxes, Licenses, &amp; Permits Totals:</b> | <b>672,000.00</b> | <b>671,000.00</b> | <b>668,000.00</b> | <b>667,000.00</b> |
| <b>State Funds</b>                            |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Municipal Revenue Sharing                     | 120,000.00*       | 130,000.00        | 125,000.00        | 160,000.00        |
| Local Road Assistance                         | 49,500.00         | 49,500.00         | 50,000.00         | 50,000.00         |
| Tree Growth Reimbursement                     | 12,000.00         | 12,000.00         | 8,000.00          | 7,500.00          |
| General Assistance Reimbursement              | 5,050.00          | 5,050.00          | 3,750.00          | 3,650.00          |
| Veterans Exemption Reimbursement              | 1,900.00          | 1,900.00          | 1,600.00          | 800.00            |
| Other State Grants and Funds                  | 500.00            | 500.00            | 500.00            | 500.00            |
| <b>State Funds Total:</b>                     | <b>188,950.00</b> | <b>198,950.00</b> | <b>188,850.00</b> | <b>222,450.00</b> |
|                                               | *TBD              |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>Other</b>                                  |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Cable Fees                                    | 43,000.00         | 35,000.00         | 35,000.00         | 35,000.00         |
| Investments                                   | 3,500.00          | 3,000.00          | 12,000.00         | 15,000.00         |
| Recreational Program Fees                     | 77,000.00         | 75,000.00         | 80,000.00         | 47,500.00         |
| Waste Disposal Fees                           | 15,000.00         | 15,000.00         | 17,000.00         | 17,000.00         |
| Recycled Waste Fees                           | 20,000.00         | 25,000.00         | 25,000.00         | 8,000.00          |
| <b>Other Total:</b>                           | <b>158,500.00</b> | <b>153,000.00</b> | <b>169,000.00</b> | <b>122,500.00</b> |



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|                                               | 2013(P)           | 2012              | 2011              | 2010              |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Taxes, Licenses, &amp; Permits</b>         |                   |                   |                   |                   |
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| Town Fees/Vital Statistics                    | 18,000.00         | 18,000.00         | 18,000.00         | 18,000.00         |
| Licenses and Permit Fees                      | 7,000.00          | 5,000.00          | 7,000.00          | 6,000.00          |
| Interest and Cost Fees                        | 30,000.00         | 30,000.00         | 25,000.00         | 25,000.00         |
| <b>Taxes, Licenses, &amp; Permits Totals:</b> | <b>672,000.00</b> | <b>671,000.00</b> | <b>668,000.00</b> | <b>667,000.00</b> |
| <b>State Funds</b>                            |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Municipal Revenue Sharing                     | 120,000.00*       | 130,000.00        | 125,000.00        | 160,000.00        |
| Local Road Assistance                         | 49,500.00         | 49,500.00         | 50,000.00         | 50,000.00         |
| Tree Growth Reimbursement                     | 12,000.00         | 12,000.00         | 8,000.00          | 7,500.00          |
| General Assistance Reimbursement              | 5,050.00          | 5,050.00          | 3,750.00          | 3,650.00          |
| Veterans Exemption Reimbursement              | 1,900.00          | 1,900.00          | 1,600.00          | 800.00            |
| Other State Grants and Funds                  | 500.00            | 500.00            | 500.00            | 500.00            |
| <b>State Funds Total:</b>                     | <b>188,950.00</b> | <b>198,950.00</b> | <b>188,850.00</b> | <b>222,450.00</b> |
|                                               | *TBD              |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>Other</b>                                  |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Cable Fees                                    | 43,000.00         | 35,000.00         | 35,000.00         | 35,000.00         |
| Investments                                   | 3,500.00          | 3,000.00          | 12,000.00         | 15,000.00         |
| Recreational Program Fees                     | 77,000.00         | 75,000.00         | 80,000.00         | 47,500.00         |
| Waste Disposal Fees                           | 15,000.00         | 15,000.00         | 17,000.00         | 17,000.00         |
| Recycled Waste Fees                           | 20,000.00         | 25,000.00         | 25,000.00         | 8,000.00          |
| <b>Other Total:</b>                           | <b>158,500.00</b> | <b>153,000.00</b> | <b>169,000.00</b> | <b>122,500.00</b> |



# Reserves Trust Funds

## Town Office Reserve Account

|                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Balance 1/1                   | 28,892.38 |
| Add: Interest to 12/31/2012   | 149.80    |
| Appropriation (March 16,2012) | 50,000.00 |
| Balance 12/31/2012            | 79,042.18 |

## Fire Department Capital Reserve 222,991.57

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Balance 1/1                   |            |
| Add: Interest to 12/31/2012   | 266.94     |
| Appropriation (March 16,2012) | 40,000.00  |
| Less: Due to General Fund     | 130,704.00 |
| Balance 12/31/2012            | 132,554.51 |

## Rescue Capital Reserve 66,337.03

|                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Balance 1/1                   |           |
| Add: Interest to 12/31/2012   | 348.53    |
| Appropriation (March 16,2012) | 10,000.00 |
| Balance 12/31/2012            | 76,685.56 |

## Public Works Road Miantenance and Paving Reserve 334,033.67

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Balance 1/1                   |            |
| Add: Interest to 12/31/2012   | 409.51     |
| Appropriation (March 16,2012) | 72,355.00  |
| Less: Due to General Fund     | 119,630.00 |
| Balance 12/31/2012            | 287,168.18 |

## Sidewalk Improvement Capital Reserve 38,930.49

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Balance 1/1                 |           |
| Add: Interest to 12/31/2012 | 182.76    |
| Balance 12/31/2012          | 39,113.25 |

## Solid Waste Capital Improvement Fund

|                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Balance 1/1                   | 71,228.45 |
| Add: Interest to 12/31/2012   | 164.79    |
| Appropriation (March 16,2012) |           |
| Less: Due to General Fund     | 12,641.00 |
| Balance 12/31/2012            | 58,752.24 |

## Recreation Capital Reserve 61,959.42

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Balance 1/1                 |           |
| Add: Interest to 12/31/2012 | 89.37     |
| Less: Due to General Fund   | 58,989.00 |
| Balance 12/31/2012          | 3,089.79  |

| Reserves Trust Funds                   |            |
|----------------------------------------|------------|
| Library Capital Reserve                | 25,353.07  |
| Balance 1/1                            |            |
| Add: Interest to 12/31/2012            | 39.36      |
| Appropriation (March 16,2012)          | 1,000.00   |
| Less: Due to General Fund              | 30,648.98  |
| Balance 12/31/2012                     | 3,764.37   |
| Guy A. Yeaton Cemetery Trust Fund      | 3,571.74   |
| Balance 1/1                            | 15.34      |
| Add: Interest to 12/31/2012            |            |
| Balance 12/31/2012                     | 3,587.08   |
| Lacroix Cemetery Trust Fund            | 12,865.59  |
| Balance 1/1                            |            |
| Add: Interest to 12/31/2012            | 51.22      |
| Balance 12/31/2012                     | 12,916.81  |
| Cemetery Portfolio                     |            |
| Balance 1/1                            | 327,255.48 |
| Add: Income                            | 7,670.55   |
| Other Deposits                         | 2,767.46   |
| Less: Disbursements                    | 2,840.25   |
| Bank Fees                              | 548.17     |
| Change in Market Value                 | 25,025.84  |
| Balance 12/31/2012                     | 355,197.34 |
| Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Earnings |            |
| Balance 1/1                            | 68,458.32  |
| Add: Interest to 12/31/2012            | 134.76     |
| Balance 12/31/2012                     | 68,593.08  |
| Robert A. Guptill Historical Trust     | 13,215.40  |
| Balance 1/1                            |            |
| Add: Interest to 12/31/2012            | 9.25       |
| Balance 12/31/2012                     | 13,224.65  |
| D.C. Stevens Scholarship Trust         | 2,001.48   |
| Balance 1/1                            |            |
| Add: Interest to 12/31/2012            | 8.52       |
| Balance 12/31/2012                     | 2,010.00   |
| D.C. Stevens Portfolio                 |            |
| Balance 1/1                            | 488,991.91 |
| Add: Income                            | 15,414.77  |
| Deposits                               | 4,266.54   |
| Less: Disbursements                    | -13,877.76 |
| Bank Fees                              | -2,466.35  |
| Change in Market Value                 | 40,243.70  |
| Balance 12/31/2012                     | 532,572.81 |





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