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Credit given to Rhonda Adlam for the design of the new Municipal signs.
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 2013
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Annual Town Report Dedication

The Town of Belgrade Board of Selectpersons would like to dedicate the 2013 Town Report to two long term Town Officials who faithfully served the citizens of Belgrade for several decades.

Richard J. (Spike) Carey

Richard Carey’s service to the Town of Belgrade began shortly after moving to Belgrade. He became the Town’s first Town Manager when the Town changed its local government structure in 1989. He served on the Board of Selectpersons until his retirement in 2007. He was active in many issues that came before the town, including the Enhanced Neighborhood Policing Committee, the Transfer Station and Recycling Committee, the Ad Hoc Building Committee of 2007 and the Building Committee of 2008. Spike will always be remembered for being generous of heart, mind and spirit, with the citizens of Belgrade one of his top priorities.

Photo of Richard “Spike” Carey is compliments of Susan Glen Peters “Downeast Photographics”

Carl George Yeaton

Carl Yeaton’s service to the Town of Belgrade began in the 1970’s. Carl joined the Budget Committee from 1976-1979. In 1979, he joined the Planning Board, where he shared his expertise and knowledge of land use issues. He continued to serve his community and became a Selectperson in 1982 through 1987. After his service as a Selectperson, he remained a faithful consultant to “new” Town Managers. He stayed involved in Town events and Town Government. In 1996, Carl chaired the Bicentennial Committee. This was a huge undertaking and an event, if you attended, that will never be forgotten. It was memorable to all! Following his involvement with the Bicentennial Committee, Carl remained active in Town Government and joined the Cemetery Committee. He spent countless hours of logging and documenting information about the cemetery. He shared his knowledge and expertise with several sextons, but more recently with the current Sexton, Scott Damren. Carl became a regular consultant to him, walking Scott through the ins and outs of the position. After retiring from Town Government, Carl along with his wife, Maggie, faithfully took charge of the placement of veteran’s flags for every Memorial Day, up until the last few years.
Both Carl and Spike, in their words and actions personify the following

“My creed is that public service must be more than doing a job efficiently and honestly. It must be a complete dedication to the people and to the nation with full recognition that every human being is entitled to courtesy and consideration, that constructive criticism is not only to be expected but sought, that smears are not only to be expected but fought, that honor is to be earned, not brought.”

Carl and Spike both served the Town of Belgrade, with courtesy, consideration, dedication and honor. We fondly remember and thank them for this.

Quote by Margaret Chase Smith
Memorial Dedications

**Dwight Richard Alexander** for his public service to the Town of Belgrade as a member of the North Belgrade Fire Department as Assistant Fire Chief, the Belgrade Planning Commission and as the Director for Emergency Management. He was instrumental in the implementing of the E-911 numbering system for Belgrade and spent countless hours on the roads of Belgrade documenting information of buildings to create the system. Dwight did most, if not all, of the GPS footwork, down mud roads, etc. He worked together with other E-911 members on the mapping and naming of roads. Dwight was an active participant in Boy Scouts, assisting with the canoe trips.

**Albert J. Languet, Jr.** for his public service to the Town of Belgrade as representative to the SAD #47 school system. He began his service as a School Board member in 1969 and continued to serve until 1975. He served the Town of Belgrade as a Selectperson from 1983 through 1990. He stayed actively involved in public affairs through the years and if you knew “Al”, he was always well informed and ready to comment on any given subject related to town activities.

**Raymond Nutter**, for his public service to the Town of Belgrade as a member of the Fire Department, his service to the Town as a member of the Budget Committee from 1982 to 1984, and his ongoing commitment and dedication to the Cemetery Committee from 1989 through 2005.

Raymond can fondly be remembered asking you first “How are you today”; and then the next words would be, “You better watch out or I am going to give you the knuckles.”

The Town would thank all of the people who volunteered their services to participate in Town Government. Thank you to their families who shared the lives of their loved ones with the Citizens of Belgrade.

“It’s appropriate to celebrate public service and the thoughtful people who choose to serve. They symbolize what is good and decent about this historic citizen legislature, and we thank them.”

*Quote by Robert L. Ehrlich*
Belgrade Town Office
Telephone……………………………………495-2258
Fax …………………………………………..495-2742
E-mail…………townoffice@townofbelgrade.com
Website……..townofbelgrade.com

Town Manager…………………………………Gregory E Gill….495-2258/592-6031
Road Commissioner…………………………..Maurice Childs- 495-2982(H) 446-7895(C)

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)
Cell- 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 DAIGLE LIBRARIAN 495-3508
RSU 18 Superintendent…465-7384

Belgrade Central School…495-2321

Transfer Station………………………………..Robert Vigue, Supervisor—495-3326

Messalonskee High School….465-7381

Belgrade Fire Department……………………….911

Maine State Police……………………………..1-800-452-4664

Emergency Numbers

State Warden Service ……………………1-800-292-7436

Maine law requires that burning permits be issued for all outdoor fires. Permits now available on the Town of Belgrade website- www.townofbelgrade.com

This report was prepared in February 2014 with 1100 copies printed. Copies are available at the Town Office, Days Store and the Center for All Seasons. It is also posted on the Town website- www.townofbelgrade.com. 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
Thursday …………………………………………………………………………………8:00 am-7:00 pm
Friday ……………………………………………………………………………………8:00 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: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
495-2011
Belgrade Lakes Post Office
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, only one working farm remains 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 an 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
2,448

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

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<td>P O Box 500, Belgrade, ME</td>
<td>495-3303</td>
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<td>Gagne &amp; Sons Concrete Blocks</td>
<td>28 Old Route 27, Belgrade, ME</td>
<td>495-3313</td>
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<td>Tukey Brothers</td>
<td>480 Smithfield Rd, Belgrade, ME</td>
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<td>Skowhegan Savings</td>
<td>450 Civic Center Dr, Augusta, ME 04330</td>
<td>207-858-2611/838-6693</td>
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<td>Belgrade Lakes Golf Club</td>
<td>46 Clubhouse Road, Belgrade, ME 04918</td>
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<td>Belgrade Lakes, ME 04917</td>
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<td>44 Main Street, Suite 208, Waterville, ME 04901</td>
<td>207-872-8221/314-5624</td>
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<td>Days Store</td>
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<td>Lakepoint Real Estate</td>
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<td>Spring Gallery</td>
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Edward Ketch, Jr
256 Augusta Road
Belgrade, ME 04917
495-3861

Kyle Wescott
191 Location Road
Belgrade, ME 04917
495-2929

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

Beavis Electric
52 Oakwood Dr.
Belgrade, ME 04917
495-3233

Kaplan Electrical
262 Augusta Road
Belgrade, ME 04917
495-2622

Dick’s Electric
18 Kayak Lane
Belgrade, ME 04917
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
420 Manchester Road
Belgrade, ME
495-2189

Bruce Galouch
Bob the Plumber
976 Wings Mills Rd
Belgrade, ME
495-2942

Paul Hanna
555 Augusta Road
Belgrade, ME
495-3805

Heating Contractors

Keith Kadnar
KDNR Heating & Irrigation
P O Box 71
Belgrade, ME
495-9326

Eric Nilson
R&E Heating
P O Box 558
Belgrade Lakes, ME
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

Bellavance Construction
Ronald Bellavance
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Belgrade Lakes, ME
495-2492

Paul Stevens
Stevens Property Man.
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Belgrade, ME
861-2545

Craig’s Carpentry
P O Box 240
Belgrade, ME
465-3749

CLS Builders
Chuck Stuart
P O Box 419
Belgrade, ME
314-0451

Dan Tremblry
652 Oakland Road
Belgrade, ME
465-9522

Guido’s Construction
757 West Road
Belgrade, ME
495-3632

Thomas Kenney
323 Augusta Road
Belgrade, ME
458-0779

David Willard
15 Buck Ridge Drive
Belgrade, ME
649-4755

Charles Davis
38 Damren Road
Belgrade, ME
495-2755

James Vogel
204 Location Road
Belgrade, ME
495-2913

Merle Fisher
Fisher Construction
630 Oakland Road
Belgrade, ME
465-3035

Joe Tinker Carpentry
14 Sahagian Road
Belgrade, ME 04917
207-495-3958

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
Excavating
Septic Systems
& Excavation
214 Horsepoint Rd
Belgrade, ME
465-8254

Robin L Day
Selective Wood
Harvesting, Trucking
12 Augusta Rd
Belgrade, ME
592-2119

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

Walter LaPlante
70 Whitetail Lane
Belgrade, ME
242-5846

G&L Contracting
116 Lakeshore Drive
Belgrade, ME
215-7951 /233-7408/495-2325
Landscapers
Michial C Heino
P O Box 422
Belgrade, ME
495-2978 (H) 458-5900 (c)

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

Jacob Homstead
Homestead Property Management
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

Fire Protection/Fire Extinguisher Repair
Central Maine Fire Pros
Daniel Newman
33 Caribou Road
Belgrade, ME 04917
207-495-3655

Lodging
Among The Lakes B&B
58 Smithfield Road
Belgrade, ME 04917
2907-465-4900

Belgrade Lakes Four Seasons Camps
9 Bass Lane
Belgrade, ME 04917
207-495-9217

Castle Island Camps
441 Castle Island Road
Belgrade, ME 04917
207-495-3312/660-5157

Lakeside Cottage Rentals
25 Marina Drive
Belgrade, ME 04917
207/592-5577/495-4046

Whisperwood Lodge & Cottages
103 Taylor Woods Road
Belgrade, ME 04917
207-495-3983

Woodrest Cottages
44 Woodrest Lane
Belgrade, ME 04917
207-465-2950/465-9908

Belgrade Reservation Center
262 Augusta Road
Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918
207-495-2104

Belgrade Lakes Lodge
106 Augusta Road
Belgrade, ME 04917
207-495-3893

Kozy Cove Cottages
325 Smithfield Road
Belgrade, ME 04917
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2013 Town Officers

PLANNING BOARD
Five members with staggered three-year terms, two alternate with indefinite length of terms.
Stephen Foster (16)  Peter Rushton, Chair (14)
Roger Derosier, (15)  George Seel, (16)
Richard Baker (14)  Peter Sargent, Alternate
Gary R. Fuller, CEO
Daniel Trembly, Alternate

BOARD OF APPEALS
Seven members with staggered three-year terms, no alternates
Tammy Fulling (14)  Donald Smith (15)
Kerri Hammond (16)  Valton Wood (16)
Michael Barrett, Chair (15)  Gary Mahler (16)
Matt Scott (14)  Diane 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)
Gary Mahler (16)  Laura Hudson (16)
Howard Holinger, Chair (15)  Michael Benecke (14)

DAMS COMMITTEE
Four Belgrade members with staggered three-year terms.
Robert Early, Chair (14)  Doug McCafferty (15)
George Hoy (15)  Dennis Purington (16)
Raymond Hewett, Alternate, (16)

BOARD OF PARKS & RECREATION
Ten members with staggered three-year terms.
Two Vacancies for (15) Linda Bacon (15)
Joe Adlam (14)  Mark Ardito (14)
Roger White (16)  Tracy Wright (16)
Dana Doran (16)
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 (16)
Edward Ketch, Jr., Assistant Chief/Lakes (14)
Conrad Shaw, Lt. of Rescue (15)
Scott Damren Asst. Chief/N. Bel. (16)
Bruce Galouch, Asst. Chief/Depot (16)
Douglas Sawyer, Lt/Lakes (14)
Dan Newman, Lt/Depot (16)
Kathryn Damren, Capt. / N. Belgrade (16)
Mark Day, Capt/Lakes (16)
Bruce Plourd, Capt/Depot (16)

CEMETERY COMMITTEE
Four-member board with three-year terms plus the Sexton
Mike Heino (16) 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
Gregory Keene (15) Samuel Dunbar (16)
Jack Sutton (14) George MacDonald (15)
Opening (16)
Bruce Galouch, Chair (16) Robert Vigue, Transfer Station Supervisor

TOWN MANAGER
Appointed by Selectpersons with contract – Gregory E. Gill

TREE COMMITTEE
Staggered one, two and three year terms (Currently there is not a Tree Committee)
Greg Gill, Tree Warden

INDIVIDUAL POSITIONS
Nominated by the Town Manager and confirmed by the Board, one year or indefinite terms.
Animal Control Officer Katherine Ross 1 yr
Civil Emergency Director Mark Belserene 1 yr
Civil Emergency Mgt. Ass’t Dr. Edward Ketch 1 yr
Public Information Officer Jeremy Damren 1 yr
Health Officer Katherine Riddle 3 yr
Historian Nancy Mairs 1 yr
Plumbing Inspector Gary Fuller 1 yr
Tree Warden Gregory Gill 1 yr
Code Enforcement Officer Gary Fuller 1 yr
Agent, IF&W Cheryl Cook 1 yr
Agent, Motor Vehicle Cheryl Cook 1 yr
Town Clerk/ Registrar Cheryl Cook 1 yr
Tax Collector Cheryl Cook 1 yr
Deputy Tax Collector Mary Vogel 1 yr
Deputy Clerk/Deputy Registrar Mary Vogel 1 yr
Executive Bd. Secretary Mary Vogel 1 yr
Deputy Clerk/Deputy Registrar Brittany Norton 1 yr
GA Administrator Gregory E. Gill Indefinite
Asst. GA Administrator Cheryl Cook 1 yr
Asst. GA Administrator Mary Vogel 1 yr
Deputy Clerk/Deputy Registrar Barbara Geaghan 1 yr
Treasurer Barbara Geaghan 1 yr
Deputy Treasurer Gregory E. Gill 1 yr
Town Moderator John R.Bradshaw, Jr. 1 year

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE
The Town Manager serves in an advisory capacity.
Gary Mahler (15)
ROAD COMMITTEE
Ernest Rice
Robert Early        David Stevens
Tom Streznewski    Ralph Ardito
Jack Sutton        Jason Stevens
Ricky Damren      Maurice Childs, Road Commissioner
Dennis Keschl
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)        Rick Damren, (16)
Ernest Rice, (16) Vice Chair       Bruce Plourd, Chair (15)
Daniel Newman (15)

RSU #18
Two RSU members with staggered three year terms.
Cathy McKelway (14)  Rebecca Seel (16)

ROAD COMMISSIONER
One individual for a one-year term elected in March, with term to expire at the annual March Town Meeting.
Maurice Childs (14)

RECREATION DIRECTOR
Valencia Schubert, Director
Jacinta Vogel, Assistant Director

LIBRARIAN
Marcia Haigh
New Librarian, November 20, 2013 – Janet Patterson
Jarod Bond, Assistant Librarian

LIBRARY TRUSTEES
Staggered three-year terms (expire in December)
Michael Barrett (13)        Marshalyne Baker (15)
Janet Stocco (14)            Rebecca Seel (14)
Peter Doran (14)             Loyce Hayslett (15)
Elizabeth Symonds (15)
Hailey Palleschi, Youth Representative (16)

D.C. STEVENS
Three-year term
Pamela Prescott, Chair (14)
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE
Committee Chairperson, Kathi Wall
Coordinator/ Secretary for Steering Committee, Mary J. Vogel

LAND USE SUBCOMMITTEE/PLANNING BOARD
Rich Baker (Planning Board)  George Seel (Planning Board)
Kenny Brechner  Tom Streznewski
Alan Butterfield  Nora Sosnoff
Roger Derosier (Planning Board)  Jack Sutton
Stephen Foster (Planning Board)  Dan Trembly (Planning Board)
Gary Fuller (Code Enforcement Officer)  Jack Sutton
Mark Heuberger
Peter Rushton (Planning Board, Chair)

RECREATION SUBCOMMITTEE
Linda Bacon
Kellie Guarino
Joe Adlam
Board of Parks and Recreation
Valencia Schubert, Recreation Director

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE
Pam Cobb  Fred Fontaine
George Seel  Matt Gauthier
John Rice  Adam Gardiner
Diane Oliver  Justin Gifford
William Redlevske
Ralph Ardito

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE
Greg Gill, Town Manager  Transfer Station Committee
Selectpersons  Library Board
Budget Committee  Fire Chief

NATURAL RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE
Kathleen Wall  Dennis Keschl
Chris Buchanan  Belgrade Lakes Association
Roy Bouchard  Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance
Matt Scott  Maine Lakes Society
Rich Baker  Colby College Environmental Sciences Program

HISTORY AND CULTURE SUBCOMMITTEE
Nan Mairs
Adelaide Lalime
Loyce Hayslett
Robert Lewis
Sandra Lewis
Margaret McMorrow
Belgrade Historical Society
Board of Selectpersons’ Report

The end of 2013 has come and the start of 2014 brings the yearly recap of projects that have been completed.

Our largest project this past year was the undertaking of the Comprehensive Plan, which consisted of numerous hours and dedication of Town volunteers and Town Employees. At this time the Comprehensive Plan has been finalized and was sent off to the State and it has now been accepted and currently under state review. We would like to thank all of our volunteers and employees for this great accomplishment.

Town Signs:
All the new town signs approved at the 2013 town meeting have been purchased and put up except for the “Welcome to Belgrade sign”, due to winter setting in and the Center for All Seasons sign, which is pending state approval of the placement. We will be installing both signs as soon as weather conditions permit. All other signs installed can be viewed at the town’s facilities.

Recycling Program:
This past year, the Transfer Station and Recycling Committee participated in an outreach program with students of Belgrade Central School in a Recycling Program. This was a great success on behalf of Wayne Pelletier who was instrumental in initiating this program. The Board of Selectpersons would like to thank all of the students and teachers involved in this program.

New Hires:
The Town of Belgrade hired a new Librarian, Janet Patterson, who replaced outgoing Librarian Marcia Hague. Everyone feel free to stop in and welcome Janet.

The Board of Selectpersons would like to thank Melanie Jewell for all her years of service on the Select board. Melanie is moving on and will not be running at this time for a seat on the board. Good Luck Melanie in your new adventures in life and with your daughters.

We would also like to thank all of our Board and Committee 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 would like to thank the citizens of Belgrade for their continued support and involvement in Town Meetings and various projects. Without all of the above, many of the projects would not come to fruition.

Respectfully submitted as Representative of the Board of Selectpersons,
Bruce Plourd, Chairman
Ernest Rice, Vice Chairman
Daniel Newman, Selectperson
Melanie Jewell, Selectperson
Rick Damren, Selectperson
To the Residents & Tax Payers of Belgrade:

The Legislature is in full swing battling out how much the State is going to give us in revenues. It looks like the Revenue Sharing funds will be coming in about the same as last year along with other State revenues we receive.

We have received indication that this year’s school budget will go up as they have flat funded their budget for the past two years. Turning over the cost of the State’s School Employees Retirement Fund to the municipalities was a huge increase for RSU # 18 and the Town’s overall budget. The State divided that cost over a two year period, with this being the second year. Last year’s operational school budget was lower than the previous year until the State added in the retirement fund cost.

The County Commissioners office has also indicated a possible increase of 3% in their budget. Presently; we pay $614,704.90 in County Taxes with the majority due on the first day of September. This contributed to us having to move up the due date on taxes back in 2012.

Report on 2013 calendar year:

The new signs for identifying Town owned buildings, parks, and Town lines were purchased and all installed except for those being placed on State roadways. The State had to inspect and approve where we marked the proposed sign locations before we could install them. By the time we received permission from the State the ground had already froze. I believe we are still waiting for one location to be approved since fill is needed before we can install the sign.

The sign posts, PVC post enclosures, top plates, and balls for the new town signs were donated by Mike Hammond of Hammond Lumber Co. Also, Linda & Peter Gagnon of Gagnon & Son Concrete Blocks, agreed to donate landscaping blocks for around the base of the signs. Plus Patrick Phair of Lakeside Landscape, agreed to donate some plants and landscaping work around the base of the signs. Thank you Mike, Linda, Peter and Patrick!

Belgrade is very lucky for having many businesses that give back to their community!

Very soon the new bathroom at the Transfer Station will be completed. It took several months to figure out where to locate the new facility because of the distances required between the well, septic tank, and leach field. The Select Board held a meeting with the well drillers at the Transfer Station and established a site plan that was needed in order to bid out the well and septic work. The septic system and well have been installed and the building has been built. The interior finish work is left as well as installing the bathroom facilities and heater. This will be a great health improvement for the workers at the station.
facility. It will also make it possible to clean up the grounds and buildings; making a huge difference in the quality of work and maintenance of the equipment and buildings.

This is the first year we are wetting the sand/salt with a brine solution. According to ME-DOT, the brine solution will greatly reduce the amount of material needed to put on the roadway. This is only being done with our South Belgrade plowing contract. We are also doing a straight salt loop in South Belgrade, which is also wet with the brine solution. The whole concept behind using the brine solution is to keep the sand & Salt from flying of the roadway as it is applied. The brine solution works from the bottom up to melt the snow which makes a lot of slush on the roadways. So far this season we have had unusual storm pattern which has made it hard to say how the brine solution is working. It will also take awhile for the contractor to learn how to correctly use the solution, as the temperature of the road surface has to be taken into account.

Our second truck, a Ford pick-up, was a great investment for the Town. We were lucky to purchase a truck with a plow which has helped us tremendously. We have had several repairs on the truck but all-in-all it has been a good truck and we stayed within the budget approved. The truck is used at the Transfer Station every day they are open to move and collect materials. We can now leave the sander in the dump truck which is safer for the employees as well as saving time for not having to remove and install the sander each storm. We also try to use the Ford for all the general maintenance and yard work on town properties thus saving mileage being put onto the newer dump truck.

*Report on the 2014 Town Meeting Warrant:*

The proposed overall 2014 municipal budget is up a little over $100,000 from last year. This is mostly due to increases in the overall road maintenance line & paving line, the Fire Department & Rescue lines, and funds being requested for water quality mitigation work.

We started work on the Chandler Road last year and will complete the project this Spring, which includes paving the entire one mile long roadway. This two year project of total reconstruction and paving will cost around $200,000. The Chandler Road had several sections that had a clay base which had to be dug down two feet and replaced with the correct layered material. Several cross culverts were replaced, a road surface drainage system developed, and driveways were redone. With the high cost involved with reconstruction, several other roadways in Belgrade have not been worked on as of yet.

The Select Board and the Budget Committee have already reduced the proposed 2014 Road Committee budget by over $200,000. This was done by removing the reconstruction and paving of the Point Road and replacing it with work on several smaller roadway projects.

The Fire and Rescue Departments are proposing to hire a full time employee to be on call 40 hours a week to answer fire and rescue calls. Please read the Fire Chief’s report for more information on that position. They are also asking to combine their Capital
Reserves accounts. Part of those Capital funds, are to purchase a new rescue truck. Rescue is also requesting to purchase a new Echocardiogram/Heart Monitor/Defibrillator for the new truck.

The other area receiving a lot of requests is mitigation work dealing with protecting water quality in our lakes and streams. All together there are six (6) articles requesting funds for a total amount of $54,800.

We are requesting another $50,000 for the Town Office Capital Reserve and are continuing to look for the best location to build a new office that would be centrally located. We have contacted other Towns with new offices and have received blue-prints and input as to how they like their layout. We are planning on visiting some Town offices in the near future so as to help us decide on the best layout for Belgrade residents, at the best price.

**Summary:**

March will mark the start of my fourth year as your Town Manager and there are now four traffic lights between Belgrade and Augusta. How time and development is flying by us. Belgrade really needs to plan on how they want to see economical development progress. If we do not established some guidelines we will end up losing rural and historical values which makes this town unique.

We have completed updating our Comprehensive Plan and it is presently being reviewed by the State. If the State accepts our updated Plan it will then go before the legislative body for Town approval. The updated Plan calls for some form of guideline to be developed that would control economical development in Belgrade. A lot of Towns are now using a “Land Use Ordinance” (Luo) to control development which can be developed with specific guideline to achieve specific goals, where a Zoning Ordinance is defined by lines. As a past Planner/Developer I would recommend the Town develop a Luo which would protect landowner’s individual rights and at the same time protect Belgrade’s rural and historic values.

I would like to thank the office staff for their dedication to their jobs which makes my job a lot easier each day.

The Select Board will be losing their longest member of nine years, Melanie Jewell. Melanie was on the Board that hired me three years ago and I will miss her true dedication to the Board, especially her input at meetings. I wish to thank the entire Select Board for their continuing support and for being there when I need them.

Stop in and see me anytime as my door is always open to listen and learn about your concerns or ideas. Please remember we offer a monthly tax payment plan and to visit our web-site for upcoming events.

Yours truly,
Gregory E. Gill
TREE ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF BELGRADE

AN ORDINANCE TO MANAGE TREE RESOURCES LOCATED ON TOWN'S PUBLIC LAND BY:

PRESCRIBING THE DUTIES OF THE TOWN TREE WARDEN AND THE TOWN TREE COMMITTEE

PRESCRIBING REGULATIONS RELATING TO TREES AND SHRUBS LOCATED ON PUBLIC LAND

PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUING OF NON-FEE PERMITS FOR THE PLANTING, MAINTENANCE, AND REMOVAL OF TREES ON PUBLIC LAND

PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING THESE ARTICLES AND PROCEDURES FOR APPEAL

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SELECTPERSONS OF THE TOWN OF BELGRADE, STATE OF MAINE:

Section 1. Short Title. This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the TREE ORDINANCE for the Town of Belgrade, State of Maine.

Section 2. Definitions. For the purpose of this Ordinance the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein.

Community Tree Plan shall mean a written document that guides the work of the Tree Committee.

Park shall include all public parks having individual names.

Person is any individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, organization or State agency of any kind. The Town of Belgrade and its municipal officials acting in their official capacity on behalf of the Town; employees or contractors working for the State of Maine acting in their official capacity; or utility companies acting in their official capacity are exempt from the requirements of this ordinance.

Property Line shall mean the outer edge of a street or road right-of-way (ROW).

Property Owner shall mean the person owning such property as shown on town Tax Maps.

Public places shall include all grounds owned by the Town of Belgrade.

Public trees shall include all shade and ornamental trees or shrubs now or hereafter growing on any Town street, Town Park or Town public place.

Street or Road shall mean the entire width of every Town public way or right-of-way when any part thereof is open to the use of the public, as a matter of right, for purposes of vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic.

Topping is defined as the severe cutting back of limbs to stubs larger than three inches in diameter within a tree's crown to such a degree as to remove the normal canopy and to disfigure the tree.

Town refers to the Town of Belgrade, a political unit of the State of Maine.
**Town Tree Warden** is a citizen of the community and an ex-officio member of the Tree Committee who volunteers to carry out the enforcement of this Ordinance.

**Tree Committee** refers to the volunteer committee established by the Town of Belgrade Selectboard.

**Treelawn** (ROW edge) is that part of a street or road, not covered by sidewalk or other paving, lying between the edge of the roadway and the abutting property that has public trees and shrubs included in it.

**Section 3. Duties of the Town Tree Warden.** The Town Tree Warden shall have the following duties:

A. The Town Tree Warden shall propose guidelines and rules to govern the planting, maintenance, and removal of trees along the streets, in parks, and in other public places of the Town town, said guidelines and rules subject to adoption by the Town Selectboard.

B. The Town Tree Warden shall report to the Select Board on a regular basis and shall advise the Tree Committee.

C. The Town Tree Warden shall have the authority to promote public safety and to preserve the aesthetics of public spaces by granting non-fee permits as set forth in Section 9 below and shall have the authority to affix reasonable conditions to the granting of said permits in accordance with the terms of this Ordinance.

D. The Town Tree Warden shall serve at the will and pleasure of the Select Board. This position is volunteer only.

**Section 4. The Tree Committee and the Community Tree Plan**

A. The Tree Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Selectboard and shall have the authority to conduct activities in accordance with its chartered mission: “to encourage stewardship and appreciation of Belgrade’s trees through education, research, conservation efforts, and public information.”

B. The Tree Committee shall formulate a Community Tree Plan, seeking the advice of the Town Manager, the Town Tree Warden, other town committees, consultants, and citizens at public hearings.

C. The Community Tree Plan shall include, but not be limited to, the goals and mission of the Tree Committee; an inventory of plant resources on public land; a summary of work that is recommended, its cost, a proposed schedule to complete such work; and other relevant information—such as reports of the Tree Committee, planting specifications, standard tree maintenance guidelines, and permit application procedures.

**Section 5. Tree Topping of Public Trees is Prohibited.** It shall be unlawful, as a normal practice, for any person to top any public tree. Trees severely damaged by storms or other causes or certain trees under utility wires or other obstructions where other pruning practices are impractical may be exempted from this ordinance at the determination of the Town Tree Warden by the Town.
Section 6. Abuse of Public Trees is Prohibited. No person shall intentionally damage, cut, carve, transplant, or remove any tree; attach any rope, wire, nails, advertisements, poster, or other contrivance to any tree; allow any gaseous liquid, or solid substance which is harmful to such trees to come in contact with them; or set fire or permit any fire to burn when such fire or the heat thereof will injure any portion of any public tree.

Section 7. Public Trees shall be protected during construction and excavation.

A. All trees located on any street or on other public land near any excavation, construction, or street work shall be guarded with a good substantial fence, frame, or box hereinafter referred to as the Construction Tree Guard (CTG). All building material, dirt, or other debris shall be kept outside the Construction Tree Guard.

B. The Construction Tree Guard shall be not less than four (4) feet high and eight (8) feet square, or at a distance in feet from the tree trunk equal to the diameter of the trunk times 1.5 at breast height (DAB) in inches, whichever is greater.

C. The Person requesting the Permit will be responsible for any costs incurred regarding the COG CTG.

D. No person shall change natural drainage, excavate any ditches, tunnels, trenches, or lay any drive within a radius of ten (10) feet from any public tree without first obtaining a written permit from the Town.

Section 7. Blocking water, air, fertilizer to public trees is prohibited.

A. No person shall deposit, store, or maintain upon any public property any stone, brick, sand, concrete, or other materials which may impede the free passage of water, air, or fertilizer to the roots of any tree growing thereon.

B. No person shall cause the sunlight to be permanently blocked to any public tree by placement of materials or structures without written authorization of the Town.

C. No person shall change natural drainage, excavate any ditches, tunnels, trenches, or lay any drive within a radius of ten (10) feet from any public tree without first obtaining a written permit from the Town.

Section 8. Non-fee Permits are required for planting, maintaining, and removing trees located on public lands, along streets, or in public rights of way.

A. No person shall plant, spray, fertilize, prune, remove, or otherwise disturb any public tree on any public street or in any public place without first procuring a permit from the Town.

1. Planting Permit

When making application for a permit to plant trees on public property, the Applicant shall state the number and species of trees or other plants to be planted. The Maine Landscape & Nursery Association Landscape (MeLNA) Contract Specifications, amendments thereto, or substitutes therefore, shall be followed and enforced as a minimum standard for planting.

2. Maintenance Permit

When making application for a permit to maintain trees on public property, the Applicant shall state the number, caliper or dbh size, and species of trees to be sprayed, fertilized, pruned or otherwise preserved; the kind of treatment to be administered; the composition of the spray material to be applied; and such other information as the Town Tree Warden shall find reasonably necessary to ensure a fair determination of whether a permit should be issued. All pruning shall meet, as a minimum standard, Pruning Standards For Shade Trees published by the National Arborist Association or a similar standard agreed to by the Town Tree Warden.
3. Removal and Replacement Permit

When making application for a permit to remove trees from public property, the applicant shall describe the number and species of trees to be removed, their size, location, age, condition, the proposed method of removal, and such other information as the Town Tree Warden shall find reasonably necessary to ensure a fair determination of whether a permit should be issued.

B. Exceptions to Section 8

1. Property owners maintaining a Treelawn between their land and an adjacent roadway are exempt from the permit requirement of Section 9.

2. Lot owners and caretakers maintaining public trees at the Belgrade town cemeteries are exempt from the permit requirement of Section 9.

Section 9. The Road Commissioner has total responsibility for the roads, including the public rights of way. The Road Commissioner has been elected by the townspeople of Belgrade to maintain the public streets, roads, and rights of way. The Road Commissioner has authority to maintain trees located within the definition of public rights of way. The Road Commissioner would welcome the Tree Committee’s notification of any problems in the roadway, and will determine and take appropriate action.

Section 10. Interference with Town Tree Warden is prohibited. No person shall hinder, prevent, delay, or interfere with the Town Tree Warden while engaged in carrying out the execution or enforcement of this Ordinance.

Section 11. Referenced Guidelines. Copies of materials referenced herein will be available to the public at the Belgrade Town Office.

Section 12. Enforcement, Penalty, and Appeals

A. Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine payable to the Town of Belgrade of up to $100 for each day from the date he/she is officially notified by the Town of Belgrade until the action ceases; fines to be set by the Selectboard.

B. If, as a result of the violation of any provision of this ordinance, the injury, mutilation, or death of a public tree is caused, the cost of repair or replacement of such public tree shall be borne by the person in violation. The replacement value of trees and shrubs shall be determined in accordance with the current edition of Valuation of Landscape Trees, Shrubs, and Other Plants as published by the International Society of Arboriculture.

C. Any person who shall deem that he is aggrieved by the enforcement of this ordinance may appeal the decision to the Board of Selectpersons at any time within thirty (30) days of the date he is notified of a violation by delivering to the Town Manager notice in writing of his intent to appeal and the rationale for the appeal.

Section 13. Administrative Guidelines

A. Permits may be applied for as set forth below.

1. Application for permits must be made to the Town not less than forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the time the work is to be started.
2. Standards of Issuance. The Town shall issue the permit if, in their judgment, the proposed work is desirable and the method and workmanship proposed are satisfactory. Any permit shall be void if its terms are violated.

3. Notice of completion shall be given to the Town within five (5) days of completing the work so the work can be inspected.

B. Approved Tree List. Copies of all published guidelines referenced herein will be available at the Town Office.

1. Any species on the list of Trees of Kennebec County, Maine, as developed for the Belgrade Tree Board, or on the approved Maine Forest Service Community Forestry Planting List may be planted as street trees, park trees, or ornamental trees pursuant to Section 9.A.

2. Species on the Do Not Plant Tree Species for the Town of Belgrade, developed by the Tree Committee, shall not be planted on public property.

Section 14. Severability. If any subsection, sentence, clause, provision, of part of this Ordinance shall be held invalid for any reason, the remainder of this Ordinance shall remain in force.

Section 15. Effective Date. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be of immediate necessity for the preservation of public peace, health, and safety, and shall be in full force and effective from and after its passage and publication as provided by law. Passed this ______________ day of ______________, 2014. Signed this ______________ day of ______________, 2014.

Signed by the Board of Select Persons:

Chair ______________________________________________

V. Chair _____________________________________________

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____________________________, Town Manager

Attested by: ________________________________ Town Clerk on ___________________________2014.
Planning Board Report

Last year the Planning Board saw several changes, both in terms of where we focused our energies and our membership. The Planning Board reviewed a number of permit applications during 2013. However, the total number was less than in previous years. We used the first meeting of the each month to review permit applications. This had been the normal course of action for our group. We decided to dedicate the second meeting of the month to work collaboratively on issues related to the Comprehensive Plan. This involvement was a bit new for our group as we interacted with different members of the town on this project. This schedule brought us through the summer.

Our membership also saw some revisions. I want to take this opportunity to thank Steve Foster, George Seel, Roger DeRosier, Rich Baker, Dan Trembly, and Pete Sargent 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 work very hard to reach informed decisions. I’m grateful they’ve chosen to participate. Thank you for your service!

Brittany Norton joined us as our Secretary. The job requires lots of attention to detail, and never ending patience with the process. Brittany has those skills plus a whole lot more. Thank you Brittany!

Respectfully submitted
Peter Rushton, Chair
Budget Committee Report

The Budget Committee continues to serve as an advisory group to the budget issues facing the Town of Belgrade. We are involved in reviewing the requests of all the various committees and departments that make up the town budget. After the Select Board and the Budget Committee has had an opportunity to hear the budget requests, the Select Board votes on the article and then the Budget Committee votes as well. You have the votes of both, associated with each article in this town report.

I thank Tom Streznewski for his service to the town and welcome Gary Mahler to the committee.

While we all are faced with greater demands on resources and a finite supply to draw upon, the needs and wants of the town should be reviewed by all the residents. Going to the secret voting, prior to town meeting, and then coming out to town meeting to have your voice heard is critical to our town’s success. Everyone is busy, but we all need to respond to ever growing demands on town government. Remember, if the government does it, it is not free. You and I are the revenue source for government.

There are major questions here now and coming to Belgrade.

Are we going to provide more services by raising property taxes, or adopt a more fee for service approach? Our costs for road repair and replacement are going up significantly. There is interest in more library services. Some feel we need to support full time fire and rescue services. There is the need to replace the existing town office building. There has been talk of building a central fire station. How do we keep waste disposal costs in check? Can we do something to promote greater recycling participation to reduce cost? We have an active recreation program. Do we expand it? A large part of Belgrade is our natural resources. A lot of effort has gone into stopping or slowing the spread of milfoil. More needs to be done on the stream and in the lakes to keep milfoil in check. The budget this year represents significant new dollars going to some of these requests.

There have been times in our budget deliberations that the reaction of some has been to agree that the request is valid and would be beneficial. The question comes down to what are our needs and what are our wants. Since you are the providers of those wants and needs, your vote on the articles is your chance to express the direction we travel. Please review this information, call and talk to the members of the Select Board or any member of the Budget Committee but most importantly, come out and vote your choice.

Howard Holinger, Budget Committee Chair
Committee Members: Jack Sutton, Charles Grover, Mike Benecke, Laura Hudson, Gary Mahler

Respectfully submitted:
Belgrade Budget Committee
Howard Holinger, Chair (15), Charles Grover, V Chair (15), John Sutton (14), Laura Hudson (16), Michael Benecke (14)
Belgrade Fire and Rescue has experienced another busy year responding to calls, training and hosting fundraisers.

In January we held our annual Awards Ceremony. The award recipients were as follows: Firefighter of the Year was awarded to Wesley Day and Rescue Person of the Year was awarded to Michaelyn Smith-EMT.

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 are willing to allow fire and rescue personnel, during workdays, to respond to calls.

Although support from local businesses is helpful and appreciated, we still have a hard time with coverage during week days. I have proposed the Town hire a Full-Time Firefighter/Rescue person for 40 hours per week and a per-diem position for 10 hours a week. This would provide coverage Monday through Friday from 7 AM-5 pm for immediate rescue care and help with the increasing demands our State requires of Volunteer Fire Departments. If funded; the cost for the first year, which will cover a 6 month period from July 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014, would be $29,350 which would cost you $2.64 for every $100,000 in valuation. From that point on the position would be funded yearly at an estimated cost of $58,700 or $5.27 per $100,000 valuation on your tax bill. The decrease in volunteerism in all communities continues to be a problem that many Towns struggle with.

Belgrade Fire and Rescue would like to thank the citizens of Belgrade for their continued support. We are committed to do all we can to keep Belgrade a safe and healthy town for all to enjoy.

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

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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, 2013 was another successful year.

We need everyone to keep participating endlessly so we can set a recycling rate record for 2014 and to keep lowering disposal costs. 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 increase the revenue brought in. 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. In 2014, 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 actual’s, we should have no trouble at all lowering the net cost of programs, therefore, operating under the projected budget.

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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
- We have 2 Planet Aid boxes for clothing
- We always need volunteers for the “Too good to throw away shed”

I want to thank the ‘Green Fusion’ students of Belgrade Central School for their outstanding efforts in the newly implemented recycling education program. Our students took part in a recycling poster contest this past fall and put a lot of effort to create posters. We went to the school and presented the winners with ribbons and a pizza party. It was great to see the students involved and to see them show their interest in the importance of recycling. The program was created by long time resident Wayne Pelletier and was run by him, myself, Committee member Sam Dunbar and our town manager Greg Gill.

You will find a collage of the students’ posters and the newly amended Solid Waste Ordinance in the coming pages of this report.

THANKS FOR YOUR COMMITMENT AND EFFORTS IN RECYCLING.

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

Sincerely,
Robert Vigue
Transfer Station Manager
Belgrade Central School Reycyles!
Town of Belgrade Solid Waste and Recycling Ordinance

Sec. 1. Purpose: The purposes of this ordinance are to protect public health and safety, promote environmental responsibility and clarify municipal responsibilities for solid waste management under Maine law.

Sec. 2. Authority for Ordinance: Prior Acts Repealed: This ordinance is adopted pursuant to home rule powers granted by 30-A MRSA section 3001 and 38 MRSA sections 1305 and 1319-P. It shall take effect upon its adoption by the Town Meeting on March 18, 2006 and repeals and replaces all ordinances, regulations, policies and/or actions regarding solid waste previously adopted by the Town Meeting or Select Board Board of selectpersons which are in conflict with it.

Sec. 3. Municipal Responsibilities: The Town Meeting shall approve ordinances, budgets, and appropriations of funds governing the operation and capital investment for the Towns solid waste facilities including transfer, recycling, storage, transportation and disposal of materials.

Select Board Board of Selectpersons. The Select Board Board of Selectpersons shall:

- Oversee solid waste management operations in accordance with State law, provisions of the solid waste license issued to the Town by DEP for operation of the transfer station, Town ordinances and appropriations.
- Assure that Town solid waste operations are conducted in accordance with generally recognized standards of public and employee safety, fire protection, sanitation, and good housekeeping.
- Approve the job descriptions of the Town solid waste management personnel and act as an appeal body for personnel decisions made by the Town Manager.
- Negotiate, approve and oversee the administration of contracts relating to Town solid waste management, recycling and disposal.
- Prepare and propose solid waste management budgets to request Town Meeting appropriations.
- Adopt, amend, and publish regulations, consistent with the provisions of this ordinance, to control public use of Town solid waste and recycling facilities.
- Adopt, amend, and publish as necessary and implement a schedule of charges for accepting certain materials at the transfer station, reflecting in so far as practical the Towns costs for their handling and disposal.
- Enforce State law, Town ordinances and published regulations relating to the operation and use of Belgrade solid waste facilities.
• Comply with State-mandated requirements for testing, storage, recycling and safeguarding of hazardous and special wastes and groundwater.
• Comply with State reporting requirements and schedules.
• Establish and maintain ongoing procedures to compare and report Belgrade’s solid waste recycling and cost effectiveness with State averages and comparable Central Maine communities.

The Select Board Board of Selectpersons may:
• Delegate certain solid waste management responsibilities to the Town Manager or other Town official(s).
• Contract with qualified providers for certain solid waste management, recycling, transportation, disposal and testing functions.

Town Manager: The Town Manager shall:
• Act as directed by the Select Board Board of Selectpersons in carrying out the Select Board’s responsibilities under 3(B) above.
• Continuously research, recommend, and implement operational changes to improve the safety, effectiveness and economy of the Town’s solid waste program.
• Appoint, supervise, and discipline municipal solid waste & recycling personnel.

Facility Manager: The facility manager shall manage the Transfer Station activities as directed.

Recycling Committee: The recycling committee shall:
• Investigate, advise, recommend and report to the Select Board Board of Selectpersons and Belgrade citizens on matters relating to Belgrade’s programs for recycling, hazardous and special wastes.
• Consider safety, public education, processing, and storage, sales of materials, cost, revenue, legal compliance and recycling results in comparison with data for the State and for comparable communities in Central Maine.

Sec. 4. Administration:
A. **Permits for use of transfer station**: Only individual residents (seasonal and year-round) and business residents of Belgrade and their authorized agents may use the Belgrade transfer station; however, the Belgrade Select Board reserves the right to contract or to enter into agreements with other Towns to use the facility. Use of the transfer station shall be limited to the disposal of wastes generated exclusively within the Town of Belgrade, unless otherwise agreed upon by the Belgrade Select Board, and shall be regulated by means of a permit system, by a pay-by-the-bag system, or by another system that may be approved by the Select Board. All vehicles transporting solid waste to the transfer station shall be required to show proof that they are allowed to use the facility display a transfer station permit sticker as directed by regulations adopted by the Select Board. A Belgrade applicant for a permit sticker shall present to the designated Town official the current registration of the vehicle to which the sticker will be affixed. If the registration does not show the correct address, the applicant must provide proof of residence. Belgrade stickers may not be placed on other vehicles, transferred or sold. In the event of the change of ownership or transfer of the vehicle, the permit sticker shall be removed.

B. **Temporary permits**. In those situations in which an individual resident or resident business has hired an individual to haul away debris from a one-time building project other than an established hauling company or individual, the Town may use its discretion to allow the individual resident or business to obtain a temporary Transfer Station permit valid only for the day(s) on which the hauling will take place.

C. **Commercial Haulers**. Before using the Belgrade transfer station, a commercial hauler shall obtain a commercial haulers license from the Town pursuant to section 5 of this ordinance.

D. **Fee structure**. Fees for the use of the transfer station shall be established by the Select Board following a public hearing. The fees established shall be such as to defray the expense to the Town for operation of the facility and to encourage recycling.

E. **Hours of operation**. The hours of operation of the transfer station shall be established by the Select Board following a public hearing. No solid waste shall be deposited at the transfer station except during normal or special scheduled operating hours; however, special arrangements for disposal may be made by the Town Manager with the provision that all deposited waste shall be immediately protected.

F. **Proper disposal of waste**. All individuals and businesses and commercial haulers using the Town transfer station shall separate, deliver, place, and dispose of their solid waste and universal waste in accordance with regulations adopted by the Select Board. Waste which is deemed unacceptable or prohibited based on State or federal law will not be accepted at the transfer station and includes:
   - Waste generated outside the Town of Belgrade, unless otherwise agreed upon by the Select Board
   - Waste not prepared, bound or placed in containers as required by regulations adopted by the Select Board
   - Junk vehicles
   - Dead animals
• Hazardous wastes
• Hot Loads
• Materials containing Asbestos
• Other waste as identified by State or Federal Law or by the Select Board

G. Scavenging. Materials accepted for disposal at the transfer station become the property of the Town of Belgrade. No person shall, except by permission of the Town Manager (or his or her designee) remove any materials which have been accepted at the transfer station. Scavenging may be conditionally authorized by the Town Manager, under guidelines designed to reflect the Town’s overall best interest, including: safety, operational economy, recycling efficiency, fairness and good housekeeping.

H. Recycling: Users of the transfer station are encouraged to separate and recycle those metals, newspapers, magazines, glass, paper, plastic and other wastes which the Select Board have designated for recycling. Depositing wastes in the recycling area which have not been designated as recyclable by the Select Board is prohibited.

I. Authority of the transfer station attendants: The use of the transfer station by any person shall be at the strict direction of the attendants designated by the Town Manager. No person shall violate any directives of an attendant in the use of the facility. If any person refuses to obey a directive of a facility attendant, the attendant shall have the authority to immediately refuse access to the facility to that person. Any person who is refused access to the facility pursuant to this section may appeal the decision of the attendant to the Town Manager and then if not satisfied with the decision of the Town Manager the appeal shall go to the Select Board. All appeals to the Select Board shall be in writing and follow the same process as outlined in the “Town of Belgrade Employment Guidelines”, Section XII.

J. Disposal: No person shall dispose of Solid Waste, certain Special Wastes, or Universal Waste at any place other than at the appropriate and designated locations within the Town of Belgrade Transfer Stations and Recycling Center, unless the material is legally disposed at another facility licensed to receive the waste, except, however, the owner of any lot or any person or persons with the written permission of a lot owner may deposit or dump such inert solid waste as clean earth, rock, ledge, concrete or similar material for the sole purpose of providing fill for the lot. Violations of this subsection shall be subject to the enforcement pursuant to Section 7 of this ordinance.

Sec. 5. Commercial Haulers.

No person engaged in the business of solid waste hauling shall collect, transport or dispose of solid waste generated within the Town without obtaining a license from the Town and paying the required license fee. Such license shall be valid for one year from date of approval. An applicant for a commercial hauler license shall submit to the designated Town official the following information, together with the required fee:

• Name and business address of the applicant
• Applicants business telephone number
A listing of the make, model, year and size of vehicles that will be utilized in the collection of solid waste within the town.

Once issued a license, a commercial hauler may use the Belgrade Transfer Station upon receiving a permit sticker. Commercial haulers must comply with the requirements of this ordinance and authorized Regulations of the Select Board board of selectpersons and applicable State laws. Loads must be secured so as to prevent solid waste from escaping when being transported to the transfer station.

If a commercial hauler fails to comply with applicable local and State laws, or if the commercial haulers application for a license contained false information on which the Town relied in issuing the license, the Select Board selectpersons may suspend or revoke the commercial haulers license after notice and opportunity for a hearing.

A suspension or revocation shall be limited as follows:
- First offense 30 days
- Second offense 90 days
- Third offense one year

A hearing shall be held within 30 days of providing written notice of violation to the holder of the commercial haulers license. The license holder shall have the right to be represented by an attorney, offer evidence, and cross-examine witnesses at the hearing. The Select Board selectpersons shall make a decision within 10 days after the hearing is completed. The decision shall take effect within 10 days after a copy has been mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested to the license holder. A decision to suspend or revoke a license may be appealed to Superior Court pursuant to Rule 80B. Any person who has received two or more suspensions during the prior year or whose license was revoked during the prior year may be denied a new or renewal license.

Sec. 6. Inspections.

In order to determine if the provisions of this ordinance or any regulations adopted by the Select Board are being violated, the Select Board and its authorized agents shall have the right to stop and inspect the load of any vehicle which has entered the transfer station facility and inquire of any individual entering the facility. Any occupant of a vehicle who refuses to allow designated Town officials to inspect the materials contained in the vehicle, or who refuses to answer questions pertinent to determining whether this ordinance or related regulations have been violated, may be refused access to the transfer station and shall not be allowed to dispose of materials.

Sec. 7. Enforcement; violations; penalties.

The Select Board board of selectpersons or its authorized agents may enforce this ordinance. Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this ordinance or duly adopted regulations regarding the use of the Towns Transfer Station commits a civil violation and shall be subject to a fine which the Town may recover upon
complaint filed in court. The Town shall also be entitled to recover its attorney’s fees and costs, including clean up costs, in any action in which the court finds that a violation has occurred. In addition to these penalties, the Town may seek injunctive relief to prevent the continuation or recurrence of a violation. The fine shall be an amount not less than $50 or more than $500 for each offense, except that the minimum fine for a second offense within a twelve month period shall be not less than $250. All fines shall be paid to the Town.

With regard to violations by commercial haulers, these remedies shall be in addition to the authority to suspend or revoke a license as provided in section 5 of this ordinance.

Sec. 8. Severability; conflicts.

The provisions of this ordinance shall be severable. If any phrase, clause, sentence or provision is held invalid by a court, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected and remains enforceable. Where a provision of this ordinance is found to be in conflict with a provision of any other ordinance or regulation of the Town or any State or federal law, the provision which establishes the higher standard for the promotion and protection of health and welfare of the community shall prevail.

Sec. 9. Definitions.

A. Solid Waste - Unwanted or discarded solid materials with insufficient liquid content to be free flowing, including without limitation, rubbish, garbage, junk, refuse, inert household wastes, landscape refuse, wood wastes and white goods.

B. Hazardous Waste - Any substance designated as hazardous by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

C. Commercial Hauler - A person or corporation that collects and transports solid waste and/or recyclable materials for compensation, with intent to deposit such materials at the Belgrade transfer station.

D. Good Housekeeping - To keep the transfer station buildings, equipment and grounds in safe condition, good repair, clean and presentable.

E. Hot Load - Any load of delivered material that is on fire, smoldering or potentially flammable by spontaneous combustion. Hot loads may include ashes, cigarette residue, residue from a fire, etc.

F. Scavenging - The controlled removal of reusable discarded solid waste from the transfer station.
G. Special Waste - This includes that fraction of solid waste designated by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection to be handled, stored, or disposed separately. Special waste includes but is not limited to ash, sludge, septage, spill debris, contaminated soils, asbestos, sand blast grit, non-liquid paint waste and high and low ph waste.

H. Transfer Station - The Town-owned solid waste facility and grounds located on the north side of the Dunn Road in Belgrade, including the closed sanitary landfill on that site.

I. Transfer Station Permit - Valid documentary evidence that a person or corporation delivering material to the transfer station is currently entitled to use that facility for the purpose. Such permit may take the form of a vehicle windshield sticker, a pay-by-the-bag system, or another system as may be approved by the Select Board. Special written documentation, from the Town Manager, may also be made available to the transfer station attendant allowing a delivery to be made at the time of delivery.

J. Universal Waste - Hazardous Waste that is widely generated and can be recycled. Examples include; batteries (lead, cadmium & mercury), cathode ray tubes (television and computer), fluorescent lamps, mercury thermometers, mercury thermostats and PCB ballasts.

Approved on March 18th, 2006/ Belgrade Town Meeting
Article # 51

Amended on March 20, 2009 by referendum ballot. - Article # 3 to authorize the Town to take enforcement actions against the illegal disposal of certain wastes within town boundaries.
Happy Anniversary! We have now been at our new location at 124 Depot Road for one full year. The number of items circulated by the library has increased by over 20% in that time and many new library cards have been issued to serve more of Belgrade. With more space we have also been able to purchase lots of new items and offer more programs for everyone.

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
- Monthly Minecraft programs
- Children’s summer reading incentive program
- Monthly book discussions for adults
- Special events such as Mad Scientists of Maine and Conjuring Carroll the Magician 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 is also embracing a change in staffing this year. Past Library Director Marcia Haigh left in November for an exciting new position in New Hampshire while we welcome the new Library Director, Janet Patterson, to our community in December. An Oakland resident with a Master’s degree in Library Science, Janet brings over sixteen years of experience in a variety of libraries to Belgrade.

The Library Board of Trustees members are appointed by the Select board to oversee the municipal library. In 2014 the trustees are: Janet Stocco, Marshalyn Baker, Becky Seel, 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 and Pauline Cardali continue to be 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 2-6
Thursday 10-7
Friday 10-1

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Patterson
Library Director

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Belgrade Public Library
2013 statistics

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www.belgrade.lib.me.us
495-3508
Friends of the
Belgrade Public Library

The Friends have had a lot to celebrate this past year because the doors to the new Belgrade Public Library have been opened for one full year as of December 18, 2013! We hope that you all have had a chance to visit the new library and enjoy all of the services that they provide. We would like to continue to thank all of the members, volunteers and donors because without all of you this would never have happened. The Friends promised the Town of Belgrade that we would cover the maintenance costs of this new library, which we have been able to do by numerous fundraising events and activities this past year. It was a very busy year for us.

In order to continue covering the maintenance expenses we still need to fund raise again this year and we have 8 fundraisers planned.

1. Book Sale on Saturday, February 22nd from 9-2 p.m. at Belgrade Central School.
2. Basket Bingo with the Fire Department on Saturday, March 22nd from 5 to 9:30 p.m. at Belgrade Central School.
3. A new book release by Author, Earl Smith on Sunday, April 6th at 2 p.m. at the Community Center in Belgrade Lakes.
4. A Yard Sale on Saturday, June 14th at Days Real Estate from 8-2 p.m.
5. Book Sale & Homemade Pies, Friday, July 4th from 9-2 p.m. in Belgrade Lakes Village
6. Golf Tournament on Thursday, July 10th at the Belgrade Lakes Golf Course
7. A 5K Road Race on Saturday, July 26th at 8 a.m. at Belgrade Central School
8. Britannica, a fantastic acoustic duo from Massachusetts, date to be announced.

We hope that you are able to attend at least one of our fundraiser(s) this year supporting the Friends of the Belgrade Public Library and helping us to maintain this beautiful new library for the Town of Belgrade.

The Friends meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to become a member of the Friends you may contact any of the Board members below. Our membership letters are sent out in February each year.

Check out our website at www.friendsofbelgradepubliclibrary.org or our facebook page Friends of the Belgrade Public Library for updates on our meetings and fundraisers.

Any donations to help with the operating and maintenance of the new library are tax deductible and are always gratefully appreciated. Checks may be made out to Friends of the Belgrade Public Library and mailed to the Friends of the Belgrade Public Library, P.O. Box 474, Belgrade, ME 04917.

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Beverly Megill, Vice President, beverlymegill207@roadrunner.com
Linda Sprague, Secretary, lynn_phil@myfairpoint.net
Diane Bourque, Treasurer, dlbourque@roadrunner.com
January 9, 2014

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 2013, Deputy Sheriffs responded to a total of 34,398 calls for service. We answered (656) calls for service involving theft; (764) motor vehicle accidents with (8) reconstructions; (736) alarms; (319) domestic violence; (286) 911 hang-ups; (158) assaults; (177) K-9 calls and (731) providing assistance to other agencies. The Sheriff’s patrol division conducted (385) school safety visits and made 7,273 vehicle stops.

During the past year, our Correctional Facility managed 3,152 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 the only 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 $697,594 bed day savings to the citizens of Kennebec County. Throughout 2013, inmates worked 23,810 community service hours, valued at approximately $178,576. Our inmates raised 46,448 pounds of produce for the inmate kitchen and area food pantries in 2013.

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
Dams Committee Report

To: Town of Belgrade
    Town of Rome
    Town of Oakland

The Belgrade area water levels and the associated Dams (Wings Mill, Belgrade Lakes Village, Salmon Lake) had its usual ups and downs throughout the year, some months that usually have an abundance of rain didn’t, and then when it rained it poured.

This year minor repair work was accomplished on all three Dams and more ongoing yearly maintenance work will again be scheduled on all of the Dams for the coming year. Gate # 2 on the Wings Mills Dam needs to be extensively examined for potential repair work, and needed Engineering and Repair/Maintenance will be Scheduled and completed on the Salmon Lake Dam.

In 2014 we are requesting that the Towns of Belgrade, Rome and Oakland appropriate a total of $10,000, for continuing maintenance and repairs of our area Dams.

The amount requested from the three Towns is as follows:

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

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

Respectfully submitted on behalf of all of the Members of the Belgrade Area Dams Committee

Robert A. Early, Chairman

ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT

We have had a very busy 2013. We spent a large part of our budget on Minot Hill, Taylor Woods and Old RT 27 getting them ready to pave and paving them. On Minot Hill the culverts were extremely bad and 10 culverts had to be replaced. We reclaimed a section of the Chandler Rd and started digging out bad sections. We also did a lot of shoulder work (Dunn Rd, West Rd, Guptill Rd, Grandview Rd, Minot Hill, Taylor Woods Rd and others) and expect to do a lot more this year. I have also built into the budget to do a lot of tree removal and brush cutting.

The 2014 paving budget is earmarked for Chandler Rd, Loon Cove Dr and to finish Old RT 27. Another option would be to skip over old Rt 27 for another year and do some spot shimming on some of these other roads (Wings Mills, Dunn Rd and Point Rd) that are extremely wheel rutted.

We are falling way behind on our paving program. Some of our roads (Point Rd, Chandler Rd) haven’t seen new pavement since 1997. In most cases 10 to 12 years is the expected paving life. We should be paving 3 to 4 miles a year and have only been doing approximately 2 miles a year. I have been pleased working with the road committee, selectmen and town manager in trying to find the most efficient and cost effective way to maintain and improve our roads.

I welcome calls and comments on our roads in general. You can e-mail me at kccmwc@myfairpoint.net or call in the evenings at 495-2982 (best time to reach me)

Thank you
Maurice Childs
Road Commissioner
Health Officers Report

I would like to welcome all of the new residents to Belgrade. I will start with the 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, Giarardiasis, E-Coli, Tuberculosis, Mumps, Rubella, Pertusis, 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 your medical provider. 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 administered approximately 840 doses to students and staff in November. It is very important to keep children at home with Flu symptoms (fever, coughing, sneezing, vomiting or diarrhea). Adults in the workplace should also consider this request.

I have been asked to help with some issues like infestation of mice, rats, bats, and squirrels. These have been primarily in rental dwellings. The Town Manager, Code Enforcement Officer has been helpful in some of these cases, and the Animal Control officer was also notified if necessary.

Please check in on your elderly homebound neighbors especially during the holidays or in cold or very hot weather or if the power is out. 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 at 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 our district.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Riddle, RN, BS CHES - Belgrade Health Officer
Town Historian’s Report

BELGRADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY-2014

Preservation work on the Town House continues: some of the granite foundation has been re-set, the water tank is out, and the east wall is being closed in as December weather permits. Thanks go to many volunteers – for their detailed planning, use of Hammond equipment, and careful execution of the plan. One end of the tank was kept as a reminder of its original size and shape. Extensive rot was uncovered in the basic framing of the north wall; that will be addressed.

Belgrade is fortunate that the Town sets aside money in its budget for preservation.

The first display in the old library space will be open by Town Meeting day. Belgrade’s time line will be illustrated by framed images on the walls. Three large display cases will contain significant items from our past. Some are part of the Lawrence Sturtevant Collection. Money from a recent grant will be used to purchase acid-free storage boxes for the remainder of that collection, also for temperature/humidity monitors.

The rejuvenated Historical Society has planned a monthly schedule full of free, interesting programs for 2014 – on Sunday afternoons through April, then Wednesday evenings through October. Membership letters were widely sent to the community in December, and Society members will be notified of events by e-mail. If you can help on a committee, just holler!

RESOURCEFUL IN BELGRADE – Ernest Merrow, 1876-1961

We think our world is changing fast. It is, but consider the changes to which Ernest Merrow responded in bridging the 19th and 20th centuries. The 1800’s in rural Maine included complicated settlement of property lines, Statehood, the westward movement, the gold rush of mid-century, and the Civil War. Most rural families still made do by the efforts of their own labor on their own land.

Young Ernest Morrill Merrow, born in 1876 in North Belgrade, grew up with a special knack for “making do”, inventing ways to save human energy with mechanical ingenuity. At age 16 Ernest went to work in the Benson & Wing carriage shop in Oakland. By then he had already experimented in the workshop at home – using wind power, dog power, and horse power to run such things as a churn and even to cut cord wood.

In 1897 Ernest’s sister married Charles Trask, originally from Augusta and known as an Indian fighter, buffalo hunter and “plainsman”. Their wedding at North Belgrade Baptist Church was said to be the most lavish in Belgrade history.

By 1900 Ernest was working at the Trask ranch in North Dakota…and reading about rapid changes in technology. He was captivated. He worked during the winter months for a photographer and returned to Maine with new skills and photographs of life on the plains. Throughout his life he continued to seize the newest technology and adapt it to meet his own needs.

Back in Maine, Ernest worked 11-hour days at the Maine Central Railroad car shops in Waterville, honing his mechanical skills. He also enjoyed at least one stage show at the new Opera House. In 1903 he married Eula Bean, who was then teaching in his old home-district school. He bought a house on Route 8 and determined to “go on his own depending entirely on the return from his small farm and the ingenuity of his own hands.”

This was boom time for the Belgrade Lakes and summer visitors – access to the train, the best fishing in New England, hotels and camps, boats and the guide system. For several years Ernest and Eula tented on the Stream near the hotels and docks. He bought a large powered “lake boat” that could carry twenty people and tow Rangeley boats. It was more profitable to spread fishing parties around the lake in the morning and retrieve them in the afternoon than it was to guide one at a time. Later he owned a small neat inboard that plied Great Pond for about forty years.

Back at his home workshop Ernest also did all manner of repair work. In 1910 he taught himself to drive his first car, a Model N Ford. Over time he made many custom adaptations for himself and his customers – a car-made-into-a-truck, powered saw rigs, ice cutters, a snow-mobile, etc. He had the first radio in the area, making improvements as he went along. Interested in everything, Ernest also raised poultry, kept bees, and made pickles which he sold to stores. Truly a man for all seasons!

Credits to Lawrence Sturtevant, b.1917, for his article in 1961 about his neighbor, Ernest Merrow.
RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Department of Parks and Recreation. The Belgrade Recreation Department and the Board of Parks and Recreation strive to offer Belgrade residents and visitors a wide assortment of community opportunities. Our priority is to provide children, teenagers, adults, and seniors of the Belgrade area with a variety of year-round recreational, educational, and social activities. As happy as we are that the Belgrade Public Library has a new space, we miss the daily comings-and-goings of the patrons and our library co-workers. We look forward to having the Belgrade Historical Society move some of their artifacts and historical documents to the former library space in 2014 and the return of outside visitors. The Center for All Seasons continues to offer free WiFi for the public’s convenience.

In 2013, we introduced three new events. We now host Community Lunches twice a month, held the first Tuesday at the Center for All Seasons and the third Tuesday at the North Belgrade Community Center. These lunches are informal and are donation based. Near Mother’s day we held our first Mom & Son Super Hero Bash, complete with laser tag, which was as well attended as the successful Valentine’s Father Daughter Dance. At Halloween, we hosted a Zombie-themed Murder Mystery Party for teens. We have also begun working on a grant proposal to obtain state funding to establish multi-use trails on the town owned properties on the Dunn Road, all in hopes of increasing community interest in recreation.

Our community gathered at the Center for a wide variety of events. Town events include voting, Town Meeting, Select Board, Budget and Comprehensive Planning meetings. And in addition to those mentioned above, in 2013 the Rec. Department hosted the Easter Egg Hunt, 4th of July Ice Cream Social, summer Lobster Bake, Craft & Vendor Fairs, Oktoberfest, the PTO Halloween Party, Holiday Fair, a Gingerbread House Contest and Santa/Movie/Train Night. Other community events held at the center include the Friends of Belgrade Public Library’s concert, Belgrade Fire and Rescue’s Bean Hole Dinner, Belgrade Draggin’ Masters snowmobile club’s fishing derby and thank you dinner, Maine Veterans Day of fishing & barbeque hosted by Maine Guides, the Messalonskee High School Robotics Team dinner and the prom, and a fund-raising dinner to help a neighbor in need. Numerous organizations hold meetings at the Center including Cub Scouts, the Historical Society, and the Kenneth Workman Youth Sports Program and events such as blood drives.

Bollywood, Zumba and Cooking classes were held in 2013 as well as regular activities like adult and youth basketball, wrestling and ping-pong. Rentals in 2013 included birthday parties, baby and bridal showers, class and camp reunions, fundraisers, anniversary parties, retirement parties, retreats, weddings, receptions, vow renewals, family gatherings, self-help training and concerts.

Community members enjoying the fundraising dinner at the Center last fall.

Although the summer was quite rainy, we continue to have well-attended summer camps. Camp Golden Pond campers visited the Maine State Aquarium in Boothbay, Maine Wildlife Park in Gray, Aquaboggan, Reid State Park, Waterville Water Park, Damariscotta Lake State Park and Maine Jump. Teens in Camp Loon enjoyed kayaking and canoeing on Great Pond each morning (when it wasn’t raining), fishing, learning to build fires without matches, archery and conservation. We are hoping for sunnier skies in 2014; but regardless of the weather we are confident that we will be able to provide a fun summer for campers. A wonderful group of children attend After School Enrichment Program and Kidzone throughout the school year. Children are provided a snack, homework help and the chance to play, do crafts and other organized activities. This is a very valuable resource to Belgrade families.

In 2014, we are collaborating with Central Maine Wellness to offer the Belgrade community reduced rate lift tickets to Sugarloaf/USA. We are negotiating a partnership with the Great Pond Yacht Club and SailMaine to bring youth sailing classes to the Center this summer. We also look forward to our first Lakeside Artisan Show on August 3rd. There is a lot going on at the Center; visit the town’s website or Facebook for what’s coming next!

Respectfully Submitted,
Valencia Schubert – Recreation Director
Boy Scout Troop #453 Report

2013 Boy Scout Troop 453 Report

The Belgrade Boy Scout Troop 453 and its Chartered Organization – Union Church of Belgrade Lakes would like to thank the Belgrade community for their ongoing support in 2013. The newspapers that you deposit at the Transfer Station continue to be our main source of income and we really appreciate your contributions! Many of you have seen us at the Recycling Building early Saturday mornings sorting papers into the baling machine, earning support for our Troop, and demonstrating environmental responsibility.

Our Troop is led by Scouts ages 11 to 17. They learn leadership by running their meetings, planning and implementing activities, and performing public service. 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 Belgrade Cub Scout Pack.

In 2013, Troop 453 participated in a number of traditional scouting activities including backpacking in Baxter State Park, hiking in the Kennebec Highlands, camping at Little Moose in Greenville, and participated in the annual Klondike Derby and Spring Camporee at Camp Bomazeen (Belgrade). The Boy Scouts attended BSA summer camp at Camp Hinds in Raymond, Maine for a week. Several current and former Troop 453 Scouts gave back to the Scouting Organization by working at Camp Hinds during the summer of 2013.

Our Scouts continue to work on Merit Badges and Rank Advancement. Some of the Merit Badges worked on in 2013 were Scuba, Engineering, Citizenship in the World, Camping, Fishing, Environmental Science, Oceanography, and Personal Management. The Troop has a number of boys at the rank of Life. The Life scouts are continuing along the trail to Eagle as they embark on Eagle projects. We are grateful to the Belgrade residents and organizations who share their skills and talents with the Troop.

Community service activities in 2013 included, helping the Cub Scout Pack with their Pinewood Derby, performing the Flag Ceremony for the March town meeting, assisting with the Flag Ceremony during the Memorial Day service, and helping with setting of the luminaries and boarding the horse drawn ‘sleigh’ at the Christmas Stroll. Several members of the Troop volunteered at Camp Bomazeen during the summer; kicking off the return of week long Webelos Resident Camp.

If you know a boy between the ages of 11 and 17 who is interested in scouting or if you would like to volunteer your time and talent to our Troop, please join us at the Belgrade School on Monday evenings at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Boy Scout Troop 453 Committee
Girl Scouts

**Brownie Troop #1783** is made up ten 2nd year Brownies. We also have a Juliette Daisy involved in the Troop activities. Unfortunately no parent volunteers have stepped up to start new troops so she is a troop all her own. She has 2 older sisters in the Brownie & Junior Troops so she knows how to get stuff done. Since last year’s report the girls have held a bake sale/cookie booth at Town Meeting last March and sold over 1000 boxes of Girl Scout cookies. In September they collected items for Birthday-in-a-Bag (a collection of items for birthday celebrations like cake mix, frosting, streamers, candles and small toys) and donated the items to the Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter. They took a field trip to Lakeside Orchards, picked apples and donated half to the Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter. In October they hiked “The Mountain Trail” in Rome on a beautiful fall day enjoying the stunning view of Long Pond at the top. This winter as is tradition the girls helped a local family at Christmas by providing them with gifts. This spring they will hopefully find a Community Planting project that they can be involved in. Feel free to contact Cyndi Cassani @ cyndisink@hotmail.com if you have some planting for us to do.


**Junior Troop #1058** has eleven 5th grade girls from Belgrade and Rome. Since last year’s report the girls have held a bake sale/cookie booth at Town Meeting last March and sold over 1200 boxes of Girl Scout cookies. Last Spring they went bowling. In September the girls painted the Dugouts on Rookie Field and collected items for Birthday-in-a-Bag (A collection of items for birthday celebrations) and donated them to the Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter. In October they tried their hand at archery at Camp Tracy, in November they participated in the Oakland Community Thanksgiving Dinner, buying the ingredients for and making 33+ pies to serve for dessert. Again this winter the girls helped a local family at Christmas by providing them with gifts. This spring they will take a self defense class and have an overnight at Camp Tracy where they will help prep the camp for summer programs and enjoy some canoeing, use the ropes course and improve their skills at archery.

~ Submitted by Cyndi Cassani & Carrie Merrow – Troop Leaders.
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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 had author Jennifer Jacobson visiting, who also provided professional development training after school for the staff. 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
Robert Alonzo Guptill served as the Belgrade historian for many years. He was an advocate of education, believing that the knowledge of history is essential to the understanding the past and a key to the challenges of the present and the future. Following his death, his family decided to continue the work and interest that had given him enjoyment and fulfillment throughout his life by establishing the Robert A. Guptill Historical Trust Fund.

According to the terms and conditions of the trust fund, the Town of Belgrade will hold a certain sum of money in interest bearing accounts or certificates of deposit, whichever derives greater interest. The Interest income will be utilized by the Belgrade Central School for lectures, field trips, or other programs for the promotion and appreciation of history. A faculty committee appointed by the principal shall vote on the use of the funds. Faculty members include: Linda Click & Administration. The principal serves as an ex-officio voting member; and Phronie Hammond, a sister of Mr. Guptill, serves as a voting member throughout her lifetime.

During the 2013 school year, the Robert A. Guptill Historical Fund was not utilized.

The committee will meet in the spring to review additional requests, field trips, and programs that meet the criteria established by the Guptill Historical Trust Fund.

**INTEREST AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE YEAR**

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Respectfully submitted,
Gwen Bacon, Interim Principal
Belgrade Central School
Dear Citizens of the Town of Belgrade:

This past year we continued moving forward on the District’s Educational Vision where we are working to have ALL LEARNERS leaving our schools prepared to be successful in today’s society. This means that our graduates will be proficient in our curriculum, will be complex thinkers (able to comprehend, analyze, and use knowledge), and will be reflective, self directed, and collaborative learners/workers. We would welcome the opportunity to come to your communities and talk about RSU 18’s Educational Vision and how we are doing this work one student at a time. One of this past year’s highlights that I wanted to share with you and am extremely proud of is our District’s graduation rate. The four-year cohort graduation rate for Messalonskee High School was 94.5% in 2013, an increase over 2012’s rate of 90.7% and 2011’s rate of 90.2%! A tremendous amount of effort by both students and staff is necessary to make this graduation rate so high.

As we begin 2014, the brunt of the economic recession seems to be behind us and the United States economy has been leading this recovery through 2013. During this extended timeframe, the RSU 18 Board of Directors, School Administration and School Staff have all worked hard to prepare responsible and responsive school budgets. For the past three years the school budget has remained basically flat at $32 million dollars (see attached). This year’s school budget was up slightly due to the fact that Maine State Employees’ Retirement costs for teachers were shifted from the state budget to local school district budgets. Without this additional cost for RSU 18 ($425,000), the school budget would have been $118,000 less than the previous year. For 2012-13, Maine’s average cost to educate a student was $11,582. For RSU 18, this cost was $1,589 less per student at $9,993. (In 2009-10, RSU 18’s costs were $931 less per student).

We are now busily preparing the budgets for the next school year and will again work hard to prepare a fiscally responsible budget, but also one that provides a good quality education for our Learners.

This past year on November 7th, the second annual RSU 18 Employee Recognition Day was held. This day ended with a reception for staff that was held at the High School where employees and their families came to take a few moments to relax, celebrate, and enjoy themselves. Students pitched in to help decorate, to make employee thank yous and to make this day even more special!

Your Schools are led by a very capable and dedicated Board of Directors who devote 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you,

Sincerely,
Gary N. Smith
Superintendent of Schools
The Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group (BLRBG) had another very successful year in 2013. 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, Harvest Festival, and Holiday Stroll.

We had a busy year! Here are some of the highlights:

**Belgrade War Memorial:** The BLRBG sponsored the landscaping project that brought new life to the World War II Memorial on Main Street.

**Belgrade Information Center:** We are working to bring the Belgrade Information Center back to life. This year we repaired the South side of the roof and had volunteers working at the information center assisting visitors with questions.

**Facebook:** Please visit and “like” our Facebook page!

**Monthly Meetings:** Some of the great topics and speakers in 2013 were: Belgrade Lakes Water Quality, The Importance of Public Relations, Summertime Visitor Statistics, The Alfond Center for Health, Maine Natural Gas, and Summit Natural Gas.

**Area Website:** Please visit our website to learn more about what is happening in our area. The site is also a great resource when searching for services that our business members offer.

**Community Events:** The 4th of July, Loon Calling Contest, Harvest Festival, and Holiday Stroll were all great successes. Offering community events to our residents and bringing people from away to experience all that the Belgrade Region has to offer.

**Annual Meeting/Open House:** Please join us for our Annual Meeting and Open House on May 8th, 2014 at the Maine Lakes Resource Center.

We would like to send a sincere Thank You for all who have joined us for the 2013 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 for the residents and visitors of this wonderful town.

We are looking forward to another productive year in 2014!

Meghan Loubier
President, BLRBG

For more information on our group and how to join please visit: www.belgradelakesmaine.com
Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance

STOP MILFOIL PROGRESS REPORT
Belgrade Lakes Association

The Belgrade Lakes Association, working in partnership with the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA), is waging a battle with variable milfoil on Great Pond. With two full seasons of work now completed the fight is a long way from over but good progress can be reported on all fronts.

Invasive Variable Milfoil
First, a little background information. Variable milfoil is an invasive aquatic weed that has no natural enemies and can literally destroy a lake. It can grow up to an inch a day, in water up to 20' deep and forms thick mats at the surface which make swimming and boating all but impossible. Great Pond is very vulnerable because so much of the lake is less than 20' deep. And the problem could spill right over into Long Pond.

Community Wide Problem
While variable milfoil directly affects our lakes it is in reality a major threat to the whole community. If our lakes become overrun with invasive milfoil, the property values of lakeshore camps will go down. That means a greater percentage of the tax burden will fall on non-lakefront properties. A lake overrun with milfoil will also be less attractive to prospective property buyers, renters and vacationers. Local businesses will suffer. In short, the whole local economy will be undermined and the entire community will suffer.

Progress to Date
So what’s being done about it? For the last two summers a very aggressive field action plan has been implemented. Professional divers have been pulling up the invasive milfoil and a local BRCA team has also been removing plants and surveying both lakes for new outbreaks. This last summer 30,000 gallons of invasive milfoil were removed and no new infestations were found. That’s very good news.

An “Adopt-A-Shoreline” program was also launched this year. 121 individuals in 17 road associations were trained to identify invasive milfoil and “adopted” 11 miles of Great Pond and Long Pond shoreline to check for new outbreaks. This program will be expanded next year. If you are interested in joining its ranks please call BRCA Milfoil Program Director Toni Pied at 207 215-2685.

2014 Action Plan
What’s the plan for 2014? Next summer will see another very aggressive attack on the milfoil. The professional divers will be back as will the STOP MILFOIL workers and survey team. We will build our own DASH boat (Diver Assisted Suction Harvester) to make the milfoil removal much faster, more efficient and more cost effective. Our overall goal will remain unchanged, to reduce the size of the infestation and keep the milfoil from spreading to other parts of Great Pond and into Long Pond.

It should come as no surprise that this work is expensive. Approximately $200,000 was spent both in 2012 and again this past summer. But that is just a fraction of the cost to deal with the problem if the lakes become overrun with this invasive plant. The Town of Belgrade has contributed funding from its water quality improvement account the last two years, including $20,000 in 2013. Almost all the remainder of the funding has come from private donations.

Community Support
This STOP MILFOIL project is seeing success in large part because the community recognizes its importance and has gotten behind it. In response to a survey sent to all Belgrade taxpayers last February as part of comprehensive planning process, 85% of the respondents listed the lakes as Belgrade’s most important economic asset and 82% responded that the town should take more aggressive action to control the milfoil in the Belgrade Lakes.

What You Can Do To Help
Every Belgrade resident can help fight this invasive milfoil threat. First, learn to identify milfoil. Then check your boat and trailer, fishing and duck hunting gear, even kayaks and paddles, for plant fragments. Be vigilant when you are on or near the water. If you see variable milfoil, call BRCA Milfoil Program Director Tony Pied at 207 215-2685 so she can verify the identification and take quick action. Sign up for Adopt-A-Shoreline. Finally support the milfoil funding measures and make a donation to the STOP MILFOIL Capital Campaign Fund. Everything you do will help stop this threat to our lakes and community.

This battle with invasive milfoil is one we can win. With your support, it’s a battle we will win. Our community is counting on it. Thanks for your concern, support and vigilance.
Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance

Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA) has several functions: as an alliance of 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 land, water quality, and natural heritage of the Belgrade Lakes watershed.

We help make things happen through our own programs and by collaborating with our conservation partners, 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 2013 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 our lectures and programs. BRCA members hit the trails and lakes for guided hikes, bikes, and paddles. Also, on August 31st, BRCA hosted our 7th annual 5k RACE FOR THE LAKES with nearly 100 runners competing.

Land Trust
BRCA has helped to conserve 8,500 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 2013, we added a 46 acre property on Messalonskee Lake in Sidney and a 58.5 acre conservation easement on Salmon Lake in Oakland. We continue to pursue land conservation opportunities throughout the Belgrade Lakes watershed, and are currently working on several new projects.

BRCA Milfoil Program
This past summer, 12,939 courtesy boat inspections (CBI) were performed between May and September 2013 at the seven public boat launches on the six Belgrade area lakes. This amounts to over 5,580 paid staff hours and over 2,400 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 16% 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. Seven area high school students, twelve college students, and five local community members 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 $106,609 in 2013, of which the 5 lake associations contributed $43,400, or 41%, and the State of Maine contributed $19,380, or 18%. Towns and private donors contribute the remaining funds. The lake associations also contributed about $40,900 of volunteer time to this effort.

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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 in partnership with area lake associations. 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, 28,939 gallons of variable milfoil were removed from the lake. Efforts were also spent to remove variable milfoil from the area adjacent to the Wings Mill Dam in the Belgrade Stream, the unofficial boat launch on Bartlett Road, and the carry-in boat launch on Route 27. 9,700 gallons of variable milfoil were removed from Messalonskee Lake and Belgrade Stream. All milfoil is being composted.

**BRCA Youth Conservation Corps**
For 18 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 2013, we employed 12 local high school and college students and completed 106 erosion control projects on all six Belgrade Lakes. Since 1996, the BRCA Conservation Corps has completed over 955 projects which is the largest program in Maine.

Since we began in 1988, our membership has climbed to over 1,200 members. Volunteer efforts and membership donations, along with the support of area towns, including Belgrade, make our conservation efforts successful. We couldn’t do this work without your support, and we thank you.

Respectfully submitted by: BRCA Board of Directors
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:

- According to the U.S. Census the proportion of Mainers living in poverty is 14.7 percent.
- The proportion of children under the age of 18 living in poverty is 20.9 percent, and children under the age of 5 living in poverty is 26.9 percent.
- This means that more than one in four young children in Maine is living in poverty.
- Nearly 14.9% of Maine households experienced food insecurity in 2012 – above the national average.

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 2013, the Food Pantry had 55 households registered from Belgrade and 25 households were from the Town of Rome. Within those households, 162 adults and 104 children were provided with a weeks’ worth of food and household items. Those are individuals from our community who are unable to put food on their table for themselves and their children. The Food Pantry is a valuable asset to our towns – without it, 168 individuals – our neighbors, would go hungry each month.

In 2013 the Pantry received over 11,500 individual item donations and distributed more than 23,000 food items. The Food Pantry served an average of 36 families each month in 2013 all who are eligible every four weeks to receive a weeks’ worth of groceries. That amounts to 432 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 45 Holiday Baskets 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 Summer Manager; Hazel Labbe, Winter Manager; Tony Mastromarino, Treasurer; Maureen Maslak, Hilda Bridgham

Marylou Butterfield, Director
Board of Directors: Vicky Bedard, Secretary and Winter Manager; Betty Weaver, Summer Manager; Ken Weaver, Treasurer; Hilda Bridgham, Volunteer Coordinator; Maureen Maslak, Linda Hale.
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. The fields are staked out, signage is up, and we are ready! The first snow of the season provided a good base; but then came the ice storm. We are making good progress clearing down trees as of the first week of January.

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 7,588 visits. 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 29th Belgrade Annual Fishing Derby in February 2013. This major fund raising event was successful although the turn-out was down because of extreme weather conditions. The Center for All Seasons continues to work 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 16th, 2014.

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 5th, 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
It’s been a whirlwind of a year! The District Attorney’s Office has seen big changes but the quality of the work and commitment to justice has stayed as strong as ever.

While I respect and honor those who have served the District Attorney’s Office in the past, I can not imagine a more dedicated and intelligent group of people than those with whom I have the pleasure to work. I encourage you to visit us in our offices in Augusta, Waterville, and Skowhegan. While I could write glowing pages about each person in the office, I want to at least be sure to introduce you to our new Deputy District Attorney, Fernand LaRochelle. Fern is the former Chief of the Criminal Unit at the Office of the Attorney General. His wisdom, experience, and patience influence everything we do. We are all grateful for the opportunity to work with him!

The focus of the Office this year has been “Smart on Crime.” We strive to turn around first time and low level offenders while putting the most dangerous criminals in jail for as long as possible. Here are some examples:

One of the first decisions I made was to allow the US Attorney’s Office to prosecute pharmacy robberies. These robberies were at epidemic proportions in our counties and a tougher approach was clearly needed. Longer sentences are possible at the federal level than the state level. I am glad to see that the number of pharmacy robberies has plunged. When law enforcement works together the results are more successful.

After the jury trial conviction of Havier Olmo for Class A, Aggravated Drug Trafficking in oxycodone, the Office passionately sought the longest sentence possible, concluding that his extensive list of priors made rehabilitation unlikely. The judge agreed and sentenced him to 10 years in prison, none of it suspended.

In contrast, Christopher Knight had a long list of burglaries (most outside the statute of limitations) but had never before been convicted of a crime. After “the team” at the co-occurring disorders court (“CODC”) concluded he was worth the risk of trying to rehabilitate, I agreed to a “good” sentence of county jail with a “bad” state prison sentence hanging over his head. In general, I’m not in favor of short state prison sentences as this time can teach people to be better criminals. If we can use an intensive alternative program like the CODC (which requires weekly meetings with Justice Mills, counseling, drug screening and employment or school attendance) to turn defendants into productive, law-abiding citizens, then we have been successful. Not to mention that, even with the intensity of the CODC, it is still less expensive for taxpayers than the cost of incarceration.

Speaking of alternative sentencing, the Veterans’ Court in Kennebec County is thriving. It has grown to over twice the size it was back in January of 2013. I learned about veterans’ courts when I was in the legislature, sponsoring a bill for our own veterans’ court in Maine. Any of you who have watched the MPBN broadcast of A Matter of Duty, fully understands the impact this court has had on the lives of veterans. Being a part of this amazing program has shown me the true meaning of criminal justice.

Here are some alternative programs our office is pursuing with community partners: 1) a new alternative program for first time OUI’s with a BAC of under 1.0 in Kennebec County; 2) a new alternative program for drug related crimes in Somerset County; 3) a new group focused on high lethality domestic violence cases in Somerset County; 4) a new use of Restorative Justice in sentencing when requested by victims; and 4) a continued support of the alternative sentencing program in Kennebec County for those serving less than 10 days in jail. I am indebted to numerous community partners for making all this possible for the people of Kennebec and Somerset counties.

We have taken a hard stance against domestic violence which has increased our success of victims appearing at trial in high lethality cases. At the same time, we are giving victims control over their lives in cases without a high lethality rating.

Our most serious and heartbreaking cases continue to be our child sexual assault cases. These always create a dilemma as it can be difficult for the child to testify in Court, but we want to pursue the longest prison sentence possible.

It is a privilege and an honor to work with you. Every day I am in awe of the hardworking people in our towns and cities, law enforcement, the Courts, local nonprofits, attorneys, and others working to bring justice to the people of Kennebec and Somerset counties.

Thank you, Maeghan
January 2014

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

As the Second Regular Session of the 126th Maine State Legislature convenes, I would like to thank you for granting me the opportunity to serve Belgrade, and all of District 83, in the Maine House of Representatives. The process for submitting bills to the second session is different than it was for those submitted to the first. During the first regular session, there are no formal limitations on the type or number of bills that may be submitted. In contrast, bills introduced in the second regular session are limited by the Constitution to budgetary matters, legislation of an emergency nature that must receive approval by the Legislative Council, and Governor’s bills. Bills that were introduced in the first session, but carried over until this session will also be dealt with during the coming months. Among the bills I am sponsoring that will be considered this session are: LD 1694, “An Act to Improve the Quality of Inland Water,” LD 138, “An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Issuance of Bonds That Have Been Ratified by the Citizens of the State,” and LD 153, “An Act To Establish a Comprehensive Hunting and Fishing License.”

Throughout this session, I will continue to advocate for greater government efficiency and accountability when issues concern the use of taxpayer dollars. In addition, job creation and making Maine a better place to do business will remain top priorities of mine.

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 send an e-mail 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.

Sincerely,

Dennis L. Keschl
State Representative

Sincerely,

Dennis L. Keschl
State Representative
Senator Tom Saviello

Annual Report to the Town of Belgrade

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to represent the Town of Belgrade in the Maine Senate. It has been an honor serving on your behalf to make Maine an even better place to live, work and conduct business.

The 126th Legislature adjourned its First Regular Session on July 10, 2013. The year began with a daunting task; covering an $880 million shortfall in the state’s two-year budget that was caused mainly by cost overruns in Maine’s Medicaid program. We were able to bridge this gap without reversing the largest income tax cut passed in state history by the previous Legislature. These tax reductions benefitted low and moderate-income residents most, and taking them away would have represented a big step back for a state that has historically had one of the highest tax burdens in the country.

One of the Legislature’s most significant achievements this session was finally paying off Maine’s massive debt to its hospitals, which totaled $484 million at the beginning of 2013. The Legislature approved a plan that allows the state to use a revenue bond to pay off the debt and use the proceeds from a renegotiated state liquor contract to pay off the bond. The debt was the result of Medicaid services provided by the 39 Main hospitals for which they were never reimburse, dating back to 2009.

The Legislature also approved the bipartisan Omnibus Energy Bill, which addresses reducing the cost of energy in Maine, cutting back on greenhouse emissions, and making money available to insulate Maine homes. This legislation when fully implemented will increase natural gas capacity and improve connection to underserved areas of Maine, provide funding to help companies cut back on greenhouse emissions and give rebates to homeowners who switch from oil to natural gas or other more efficient heating systems, and provide funding to help homeowners improve insulation.

Again, thank you for entrusting me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me if you ever need my assistance in navigating the state bureaucracy. I would be happy to help in any way that I can. Additionally, please let me know if you would like to receive periodic updates on legislative matters. I may be reached in Wilton at 645-3420, in Augusta at 287-1505, or by e-mail at drtom16@hotmail.com.

Sincerely,

Tom Saviello
Senate District 2
November 25, 2013

Town of Belgrade Maine
6 Manchester Rd
Belgrade, Maine 04917

Dear Friends,

I was sworn into office as your U. S. Senator in January of 2013 and immediately begin exploring how I might use technology and staff to provide you with easier and expanded access to federal services. In addition, I wanted to save you time and the cost of traveling long distances to get to our offices. It seemed right and fair I should also reduce my costs to save some taxpayer dollars since towns, citizens and businesses are being forced to do the same.

Providing greater access to me and federal government services through my staff is a priority I am committed to. In June of 2013 I initiated Your Government Your Neighborhood a plan which reduces costs, complements the locations offered by other delegation members and expands services. Every other week I send my staff to towns throughout the state and each month all 16 Maine counties are served by them. On a regular basis my staff hold constituent hours locally providing citizens with assistance. As of this month 70 communities have had service.

I am honored to be serving on four committees: Armed Services, Intelligence, Budget and Rules. These appointments provide the opportunity to take important and substantial action on behalf of Maine. My position on the Armed Services Committee allows me to honor our obligations to servicemen, women and veterans, as well as ensure the strength, efficiency, and sustainability of our military. Our intelligence Committee plays a pivotal role in identifying and understanding security threats around the world. My goal is to do everything I can to protect both American lives and the freedoms we enjoy. As a new member of the Budget Committee, I am working to ensure that necessary spending is tempered with fiscal responsibility. One of the most serious issues we must address is the inability of Congress to get things done. My position on the Rules Committee allows me to push for procedural reforms to help move us forward.

Your individual perspectives are critical in helping me represent the diverse interests of Maine. Do not hesitate to share any thoughts, questions, or concerns that you may have. You can visit my website at http://www.king.senate.gov and provide your input there, or call my Washington office at (202) 224-5344 or our toll free in state line at 1-800-632-1599. Our local numbers are Augusta (207) 622-8292, Presque Isle (207) 764-5124 and Scarborough (207) 883-1589.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve you and update you on my activities. I am determined to be a strong voice for the people of Maine.

Sincerely,

ANGUS S. KING, JR
UNITED STATES SENATOR
Dear Friends:

It is a privilege to represent Maine in the U.S. Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share some of my work from the past year.

Encouraging the creation of more jobs remains my top priority. I have developed a Seven Point Plan for Jobs in Maine, which includes proposals to spur small business investment, ensure robust workforce education and training, reduce regulatory red tape that stifles job creation, support Maine agriculture and manufacturing, and invest in the infrastructure needed to expand our economy. Traditional industries and small businesses remain the backbone of Maine’s economy, and innovation will be important for future jobs as well. I have supported Maine’s effort to lead the world in deepwater wind technology and was proud when the University of Maine and its private sector partners launched the first prototype this year. This emerging industry has the potential to create thousands of good jobs here in Maine.

BIW remains a major Maine employer and is critical to our national security. I have worked hard to support the Navy’s request for a 10th DDG-51 and to continue construction on the DDG-1000s at the shipyard. This year’s annual defense policy bill also contains more than 30 provisions to eliminate sexual assault from our military, including several provisions that I authored.

Partisan divisiveness in Washington continues to prevent us from addressing some of our nation’s most serious challenges. Gridlock reached a peak in October with the federal government shutdown that pushed our country to the brink of defaulting on its financial obligations and damaged our economy. As the shutdown continued with no end in sight, I presented a proposal I believed both sides could support. Within days, I was leading a bipartisan coalition of 14 Senators that worked night and day to craft a plan to reopen government, avert default, and restart negotiations on a long-term plan to deal with our nation’s unsustainable debt of more than $17 trillion. Known as the “Common Sense Caucus,” we will continue to work to develop solutions and bridge the partisan divide.

Earlier this year, across-the-board federal spending cuts known as “sequestration” took effect. These indiscriminate cuts jeopardized priorities from national security to medical research and stand in stark contrast to the thoughtful and thoroughly debated spending priorities set at town meetings throughout Maine. To bring some Maine common sense to this process, I authored bipartisan legislation to allow federal agencies to set priorities in administering the required cuts and wrote a new law to ensure that sequestration would not disrupt air travel, which plays such an important role in fueling Maine’s tourism economy.

I have also enjoyed my work as the ranking member of the Senate Special Committee on Aging where, with Senator Bill Nelson of Florida, we work on issues of critical importance to Maine seniors. The committee has created a toll free hotline (1-855-303-9470) to make it easier for senior citizens to report fraud and scams and to receive assistance. I also serve as the Senate Co-Chair of the task force on Alzheimer’s, a devastating disease that takes a tremendous personal and economic toll on more than five million Americans. Better treatment for Alzheimer’s and ultimately finding a cure should be an urgent national priority.

Finally, I am proud to reflect our famous Maine work ethic by completing another year of service without missing a single roll call vote. I have not missed a vote since I was elected – a streak that stands at more than 5,300 in a row.

May 2014 be a good year for you, your community, and our great State of Maine.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Collins
United States Senator
Dear Friends:

Last year saw some of the most bitterly partisan political fighting in Washington in recent memory. However, the gridlock in Washington has not slowed my efforts to fight for Maine’s businesses and industries on the national and international level. I will continue to visit and speak with Maine’s small businesses and manufacturers to hear firsthand about their successes and challenges. This is an important part of my ongoing “Make it in Maine” agenda which consists of initiatives to boost domestic manufacturing and support job growth in our state.

In 2014, it will be my great honor to continue serving our nation’s veterans as the Ranking Member of the House Veterans’ Affairs Committee. Over the course of the last year, I worked with Representative Jeff Miller (R-Florida), the committee’s chairman, to pass a number of bills important to veterans. Some that we passed would reduce the VA’s disability claims backlog, help get veterans their compensation faster, and improve training and educational opportunities. One critical measure we advanced through the committee would ensure that all VA programs receive funding a year in advance so no veterans will have to worry about services being disrupted.

While I am proud of these accomplishments, I know there is still so much to do. I will continue to fight for new advances in areas such as veteran employment, veterans’ health care, and the ongoing concerns with the VA claims backlog.

I believe Washington is at a crossroads. There are many members of Congress on both sides of the aisle that truly want to get things done for the people they represent. Congress needs to work together to get things done and make Washington work again. I continue to be committed to making that happen, and continue to regularly meet with Democrats, Republicans, and Independents to forge a way forward.

As we move forward into a new year, my highest priority remains ensuring that Mainers receive timely and quality constituent services. Whether you have a specific concern with a federal agency or need help connecting to resources, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me at any of my offices. I also encourage you to visit my website (www.house.gov/michaud), where you can email me as well as connect with me on Facebook and Twitter.

Thank you again for the opportunity to represent you in Congress.

With warmest regards,

Michael H. Michaud
Member of Congress
Code Enforcement Officer’s Report

The number of building permits issued was actually less than 2010. Many of the permits issued were for additions versus new homes. Below are the comparisons.

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Please remember as we approach the up-coming construction season, that the DEP requires that all earth work contractors/landscapers be certified by DEP to work within the Shoreland Zone. This law has been in effect since the summer of 2012. If you aren’t currently certified, these down-time months may be a good time to do so.

Should you have any Code or other questions, please contact me at 441-5302.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gary R Fuller
Code Enforcement Officer Town of Belgrade

Plumbing Inspectors Report

The total number of Plumbing Permits issued in 2013, was 57 compared to 63 in 2012. 35 were for external –plumbing and 22 were for internal plumbing.

Please contact me when your plumbing project is ready for inspection- 441-5302.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gary R Fuller
Plumbing Inspector Town of Belgrade
Boston Post Cane Recipient

On July 20, Greg Gill, Town Manager, and Cheryl Cook, Town Clerk, presented the Boston Post cane to Stanley Lord. Stanley Arlington Lord was born on December 15, 1921 and raised in the same house that he currently resides. Prior generations of his family also resided on the Point Road in Belgrade. Stanley married Naurine Kelley, of Belgrade, on May 29th, 1948 and enjoyed 61 years together until Naurine’s passing on September 22, 2009. He has two children, David F Lord of Brandon, FL and Debra (Dee) Lord Cooke, also of Belgrade. Grandchildren include Christopher Cooke (in college in Denver, CO) and Jason Cooke who is keeping the tradition of being a “Belgrader”.

Stanley is a Belgrade High School graduate, and a graduate from Gates Business College, Augusta, Maine in 1947. As the youngest of three brothers who all served the country in WWII, Stanley served in the United States Air Force as an airplane mechanic from 1942-1945, eventually losing his hearing due to his exposure. He retired from his job as an accountant at the Maine State Retirement System in 1982.

Stanley owns both a house, and cottage on Great Pond in Belgrade, and would move from one to the other throughout his married years. For years, Stanley was an assistant coach for youngsters on Farm League, Little League and Babe Ruth Teams, and one year took the team to Quebec for play-offs. He also enjoyed his many vegetable gardens, was an avid hunter and ice fisherman.

Stanley is very honored for the recognition of the oldest resident of Belgrade and is looking forward to many more years in this beautiful town.
(Written by Dee Cooke)

On behalf of the Board of Selectpersons, the Town Manager and Town Office Staff, I would like to congratulate Stanley for being awarded this honor and prayers for a long and healthy life.
Town Clerk’s Report

Births Recorded in 2013…………………………………….24
Marriages Recorded in 2013……………………………….19
Deaths Recorded in 2013……………………………………25

IN MEMORY OF

Dwight Richard Alexander       October 9, 2013
Sigrid L Borssen                   October 8, 2013
Myron Buchak                    August 1, 2013
Lyle Edward Burnham            October 17, 2013
Richard J Carey                  July 19, 2013
Judith H Farinacci                 January 11, 2013
Elizabeth May Frappier          January 21, 2013
Pasquel L Grazioso              February 12, 2013
Jeannette F Grivois            February 20, 2013
Edith May Ketch                   April 28, 2013
Albert J Languet                 October 5, 2013
Donald L Leach                    October 30, 2013
Frank Pray Maclean              September 30, 2013
Anthony David Naoum              March 20, 2013
Earlen Joseph Norman            March 12, 2013
Raymond Nutter                   April 29, 2013
Timothy Ray Nutter               August 16, 2013
William Sanford Pomeroy         February 16, 2013
Darrell A Prescott               October 27, 2013
Meldora M Tompkins              January 11, 2013
Phyllis M Urbanek                October 3, 2013
Gloria Lurline Webster           September 25, 2013
Shirley Mae Wright               August 8, 2013
Carl George Yeaton               March 18, 2013

Online Registrations

Dog Licenses $ 143.00
Boat Renewals Excise $ 1,703.10
Automobiles Excise $ 40,869.67

Dog licenses issued- 436

Licenses issued for Inland Fisheries

Boats- 944
ATV’s-138
Crossbow-1
Superpack-3
Waterfowl- 17
Small Game-3
Jr. Hunt-21
Hunt & Fish Combo- 141
Fishing- 265
Archery- 18
Coyote-10
Muzzleloading-21

Resident Serviceman-4
Bear- 11
Spring/Fall Turkey- 25
Lifetime- 3
Salt Water Registry- 5
Non-Resident ATV-4
Non-Resident 3 day snowmobile-1
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*Some taxes may have been paid after December 31, 2013, or in some cases failure may be attributed to an oversight by a mortgage or lending institution.*

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TORCHIA JASON J  329.82
TUKEY COLLEEN  1,014.56
URIARTE MARCIA C  3,389.02
VINTINNER RALPH & MICHELLE  3,101.02
VIOLETTE RANDY & CHRISTINE  2,563.27
VIOLETTE RANDY R & CHRISTINE V  352.53
WALDMAN DAVID H  2,042.26
WALL KATHLEEN R  29.87
WASSERMAN ROBERT F  2,899.07
WASSERMAN ROBERT F  46.61
WATSON JAMES S, TRUSTEE OF  2,154.58
WEBSTER JAMISON  432.59
WEBSTER JOHN G & SANDRA  2,534.59
WEDGE BRIAN & MEGAN  148.93
WEIR RICHARD A & DELZA P  474.40
WENDELL ALVAH & ANDREW  175.67
WHITE BARRY M & ERICA L  3,036.50
WHITE KEVIN M  2,391.19
WILLIAMS KELLY L & CHASSE E  1,853.44
WENDY ALVAH & ANDREW  175.67
WRIGHT CHESTER D & KAREN S  666.81
ZOZULA ROBERT B & MARYANN  4,769.25

Total:  **422,017.49**

*Some taxes may have been paid after December 31, 2013, or in some cases failure may be attributed to an oversight by a mortgage or lending institution.

### 2008 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

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<th>SHIRLEY &amp; LAMBERT ASSOC INC</th>
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**Total:**  **411.20**

### 2009 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

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**Total:**  **451.20**

### 2010 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

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**Total:**  **441.60**
2011 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

ARDITO RALPH 2011 35.25
SHIRLEY & LAMBERT ASSOC INC 2011 451.20

Total: 486.45

2012 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

ARDITO RALPH 2012 29.87
SHIRLEY & LAMBERT ASSOC INC 2012 382.40

Total: 412.27

2013 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

ARDITO RALPH 2013 29.87
ROWE, RODNEY 2013 66.92
SHIRLEY & LAMBERT ASSOC INC 2013 382.40
SKEEL, RICHARD & MARTHA 2013 29.87

Total: 509.06

*Some taxes may have been paid after December 31, 2013, or in some cases failure may be attributed to an oversight by a mortgage or lending institution.

TOWN EMPLOYEES’ WAGES 2013

Town Manager $51,578.92
Selectmen $100/$150 (monthly)
Town Clerk/Tax Collector $38,037.36
Deputy Clerk/Registrar $30,049.85
Deputy Clerk/Board Secretary $34,417.35
Treasurer $38,262.81
Maintenance/Sexton $38,373.95
Code Enforcement $20.76 (hourly)
Fire Personnel
Chief $14.13 (hourly)
Fire Fighter $11.78
Chief Stipend $2,212.00
Rescue
Chief $14.13 (hourly)
Medics $12.75 (hourly)
Basic EMT $12.24 (hourly)
Librarian $16.26 (hourly)
Asst. Librarian $9.68 (hourly)
Animal Control $307.70 (monthly)
Transfer Station Manager $14.75 (hourly)
Transfer Station Attendants $10.20 (hourly)
Roads’ Laborer $10.30-14.44 (hourly)
Recreation Director $32,236.44
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, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town’s basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

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 from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity’s preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

OPINIONS

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, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
OTHER MATTERS

Required Supplementary Information

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 information on page 21 is required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. The budgetary comparison schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements.

Other Information

The other supplemental information section is the responsibility of management and the schedules were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements. In our opinion, the other supplemental information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Maine Municipal Audit Services, PA
Levant, Maine
February 14, 2014
Town of Belgrade, Maine  
Statement of Net Position  
December 31, 2013

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<td>Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation</td>
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<td><strong>Total assets</strong></td>
<td><strong>10,830,459.25</strong></td>
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| LIABILITIES:            |       |
| Prepaid property taxes  | 9,459.16 |
| Accounts payable        | 29,805.78 |
| Due to other governments| 16,474.51 |
| Non-current liabilities:|       |
| Accrued compensated absences | 22,813.36 |
| Due within one year     | 39,122.26 |
| Due in more than one year | 293,119.16 |
| **Total liabilities**   | **410,794.23** |

| NET POSITION:           |       |
| Invested in capital assets, net of related debt | 7,637,070.58 |
| Unrestricted            | 2,782,594.44 |
| **TOTAL NET POSITION**  | **10,419,665.02** |
### Town of Belgrade, Maine
**Statement of Activities**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

#### Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Program Revenues</th>
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<td>341,207.00</td>
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**Total governmental activities:** $7,086,097.71 | $49,423.45 | $7,646.49 | $ (7,084,027.77) | (7,084,027.77) |

**Total primary government:** $7,086,097.71 | $49,423.45 | $7,646.49 | $ (7,084,027.77) | (7,084,027.77) |

### General Revenues:
- Property taxes, levied for general purposes: $6,599,156.53
- Motor vehicle excise taxes: $691,265.35
- Interest and fees: $23,125.88
- Licenses and permits: $6,792.83

### Grants and Contributions net restricted to specific programs:
- Homestead exemption: $51,593.30
- State revenue sharing: $312,585.70
- Tree growth: $14,097.40
- Other: $6,765.35

### Unrestricted Investment Earnings:
- $3,179.59

### Miscellaneous Revenues:
- $323,023.70

**Total General Revenues and Transfers:** $7,631,950.13

**Changes in Net Position:** $349,362.16

**Net Position - Beginning:** $10,265,902.46

**Net Position - Ending:** $10,615,265.62
**Town of Belgrade, Maine**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**December 31, 2013**

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<td>Prepaid property taxes</td>
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<td>Accounts payable</td>
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<tr>
<td>Due to other governments</td>
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<td><strong>Total fund balances</strong></td>
<td>2,318,907.80</td>
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| **TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES** | $2,861,147.25 |

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position (Stmt. 1) are different because:
- Non-depreciable capital assets as reported in Statement 1 7,969,312.00  
- Non-depreciable capital assets as reported on Statement 1 (355,054.78)  
- Deferred property taxes not reported on Statement 1 486,500.00  

**NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES**  
$10,419,665.02
# Statement 4

**Town of Belgrade, Maine**  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances  
Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

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<td>Intergovernmental revenue</td>
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<td>Charges for services</td>
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<td>Other revenue</td>
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Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures  
(1,816,792.66)  
(1,816,792.66)

**OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):**  
Proceeds from Tax Anticipation Note  
2,000,000.00  
2,000,000.00

**Total other financing sources (uses)**  
2,000,000.00  
2,000,000.00

Net change in fund balances  
183,207.34  
183,207.34

**FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING**  
2,135,700.46  
2,135,700.46

**FUND BALANCES - ENDING**  
$2,318,907.80  
$2,318,907.80
Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (Statement 4)  

$183,207.34

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities (Stmt. 2) are different due to the following items:

- Depreciation expense recorded on Statement of Activities, yet not required to be recorded as expenditures on Governmental Funds Report  
  $(343,207.00)

- Capital outlays expensed on the Governmental Funds Report (Stmt. 4), yet not considered an expense for the purposes of Statement of Activities (Stmt. 2)  
  $283,276.00

- Revenues in the Statement of Activities (Stmt 2) that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. More specifically, this amount represents the change in deferred property taxes and other deferred revenue.  
  $(19,100.00)

- Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. More specifically, this represents the net amount of principal reduction in debt service made during the fiscal year.  
  $2,050,103.15

- Changes in long-term accrued compensated absences as reported on the Statement of Net Position  
  $(4,416.93)

- Issuance of long-term debt is treated as a revenue on the Governmental Funds report (Stmt. 4), yet not considered a revenue for the purposes of the Statement of Net Position (Stmt. 2)  
  $(2,000,000.00)

Changes in net position of governmental activities (see Stmt. 2)  

$145,862.56
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

2013 Property Tax Calculations

2013 Municipal Property Valuation = $551,973,100.00
Total Revenues Required = $7,861,871.00
Total Non-Property Tax Revenues = $1,284,715.00
Net Raised through Taxation = $6,577,156.00
With Overlay ($72,460.00) = $6,649,616.00
Commitment ÷ Valuation = 01195 Mil Rate
($11.95 per $1,000.00 of valuation)
Where the money comes from in 2013

- Property Tax: 84%
- Excise Tax: 8%
- State/Other Revenues: 8%

Where it went in 2013

- County: 7%
- Municipal: 30%
- School: 63%

Analysis of Total Budget by Percentage

- General Government: 18%
- Public Safety: 11%
- Public Works: 46%
- Social Services: 1%
- Recreation: 10%
- Inter Government: 1%
- Debt Service: 1%
- Other: 12%
### Treasurer's Report

Proposed Municipal Budget 2014

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

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# Treasurer's Report

## Proposed Municipal Budget 2014

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### Proposed Municipal Budget 2014

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Town of Belgrade D C Stevens IMA

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Town of Belgrade Cemeteries IMA

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STATE OF MAINE  
Kennebec, S.S.

To Jeremy Damren, a Public Information Officer in the Town of Belgrade, in the said County and State:

Greetings:
In the name of the State, you are hereby required to notify and warn inhabitants of the Town of Belgrade, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons, in said Town, Friday March 14th, 2014 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 17. Polls are to be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The inhabitants of the Town of Belgrade, qualified to vote in the Town affairs, are hereby also warned to assemble at the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons, on Saturday, March 15th, 2014, at 1:00 p.m., to act on Article 18 to the end of the Warrant. In the event of inclement weather, a date of Monday, March 17th, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., has been set, with the inhabitants of the Town of Belgrade to assemble and act on Article 18 to the end of the warrant, at the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons.

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

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

One Selectperson-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 $38,285 to support the operational budget for The Center for All Seasons?

| 2013 Budget: $50,159 | 2014 Request: $38,285 |

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1  
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 0

(ARTICLE 4) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of $136,950 to support the recreational programs and events at the Center for All Seasons?


Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0 Absent: 0  
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 2

(ARTICLE 5) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise --
and/or appropriate the sum of $48,927 to support the Library budget?

2013 Budget: $48,849 2014 Request: $48,927

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

(ARTICLE 6) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town adopt proposed amendments to the Town of Belgrade’s March 18th, 2006 “Solid Waste Ordinance”, that would allow the Belgrade Select Board to enter into inter-local agreements or contracts with outside municipalities that would allow non-residents, at a negotiated cost, to use the Belgrade Transfer Station Facility?

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

(ARTICLE 7) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the town adopt proposed amendments to the March 14th, 2008 “Tree Ordinance for the Town of Belgrade”, that would better define what land areas are covered by the ordinance, what guidelines need to be followed, and who is responsible for overseeing those defined land areas?

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

(ARTICLE 8) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate $29,350 for a six month period (July 1st, 2014 through December 31st, 2014) to support the following two positions:

- One employee for Rescue/Fire Fighter I & II, (scheduled to work 40 hours per week)
- One per diem position (scheduled to work 10 hours per week)

2013 Budget: $0  2014 Request: $29,350

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

***SOCIAL SERVICE DONATIONS***

(ARTICLE 9) 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 21st, 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 10) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of $1,500 to support the Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area?

2013 Budget: $1,500  2014 Request: $1,500

Selectpersons voted to make no recommendation for or against
Three Budget Committee Members voted to make no recommendation for or against
One Budget Committee member voted to support the article

(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?

2013 Budget: $2,041  2014 Request: $2,041

Selectpersons voted to make no recommendation for or against the article
Three Budget Committee Members voted to make no recommendation for or against the article
One Budget Committee member voted to support the article

Two Budget Committee Members absent

***SPECIAL REQUESTS***

(ARTICLE 12) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following special request: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of $3,500 for the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance to support Courtesy Boat Inspections at town boat ramps to prevent the spread of milfoil, with funds to be matched by the State, Lake Associations, and other towns?

2013 Budget: $3,100  2014 Request: $3,500

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

(ARTICLE 13) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following special request: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of $6,800 for the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance to support the Youth Conservation Corps for work performed on area shorefronts to reduce erosion and algae blooms, with funds to be matched by homeowners, other towns, and Lake Associations?

2013 Budget: $6,800  2014 Request: $6,800

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5  Against: 0  Absent: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 5  Against: 0  Absent: 1
(ARTICLE 14) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following special request: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of $10,000 to support the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance to be used exclusively for the Milfoil Removal Program to remove milfoil in Belgrade Stream and Messalonskee Lake in 2014 with funds to be matched by a US Fish & Wildlife Grant?

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

2013 Budget: $0  2014 Request: $10,000

(ARTICLE 15) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following special request: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of $20,000 to support the Belgrade Lakes Association to be used exclusively for the STOP MILFOIL mitigation work on Great Pond and Long Pond in 2014 with funds to be matched by a Maine based foundation?

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

2013 Budget: $0  2014 Request: $20,000

(ARTICLE 16) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following special request: Shall the Town raise and/or appropriate the sum of $5,000 to support the "Friends of Messalonskee" (a volunteer group) to be used exclusively for continuing milfoil removal in the Belgrade Stream near Hammond Lumber Company and in Messalonskee Lake near the Rt. 27 Boat Launch and to continue removing milfoil from identified areas on the Belgrade shore of Messalonskee Lake using various methods.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5  Against: 0  Absent: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 2  Against: 3  Absent: 1

2013 Budget: $0  2014 Request: $5,000

(ARTICLE 17) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following special request: 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: 3  Against: 2  Absent: 1

2013 Budget: $4,500  2014 Request: $4,500
***GENERAL GOVERNMENT***

(ARTICLE 18) 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 2014 between January 1st, 2015 and the date of the regular 2015 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 12th, 2014 as the date that the 2014 property taxes are due, and charge interest at the rate of 4% per annum on taxes paid after September 12th, 2014, 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)

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0 Absent: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 2

(ARTICLE 19) To see if the Town will vote to use fifty percent of revenues generated from boat excise taxes collected by the Town, to fund the established “Water Quality Improvement Fund”, with this article to remain in effect until changed by a future vote of the Town.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0 Absent: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 2

(ARTICLE 20) To see if the Town will appropriate revenues from the following sources in 2014 to reduce the 2014 Property Tax Commitment:

- Vehicle Excise Tax $620,000
- License/Permit Fees 6,500
- Town Fees 18,000
- Boat Excise 16,500
- Interest & Cost Fees 35,000
- Cable Franchise Fees 43,000
- Investment Income 3,000
- Recreation Revenues 72,500
- Total Article: $814,500

2013 Budget: $795,500 2014 Request: $814,500

(Note: If Article # 19 passes, Boat Excise Tax, for Article #20, will be reduced by $8,250. New total for Article #20 will be $806,250)

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0 Absent: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 2
(ARTICLE 21) To see if the Town will vote to use funds generated from foreclosure sales to fund both the “Town Office Reserve Account” and the “Water Quality Improvement Fund”, with the proceeds to be divided evenly into both accounts, with this article to remain in effect until changed by a future vote of the Town.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0 Absent: 0  
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 2

(ARTICLE 22) To see if the Town will authorize the following accounts to be carried forward to the current year:

- Belgrade Transfer Station New Bath Room $4,999
- Outside Bathrooms at CFAS $7,500
- Maintenance at CFAS $3,200
- Cemetery (Roads) $2,000
- Town Signs $2,000
- Brine System $5,000
- Total Article: $24,699

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

(ARTICLE 23) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of $446,923 to support the costs associated with municipal operations and administrative activities. Itemized requirements are as follows:

- Selectpersons: $16,455  
  (Including Emergency Funds $7,500)
- Board of Appeals $2,810
- Administration: $294,859
- Office Operations, Maintenance,  
  (Town Admin Support, Wages & Benefits)
- Town Manager: (Salary $62,065) $82,465
- Assessing/Review: $28,700
- Planning Board: $7,033
- Growth Management(KVCOG Dues) $7,976
- Hearings/Elections: $6,225
- Town Historian $400
- Total Article: $446,923

2013 Budget: $436,100 2014 Request: $446,923

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0 Absent: 0  
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 2
(ARTICLE 24) To see if the Town will vote to establish a Historic Preservation capital reserve account with unspent funds from the Storage Preservation budget carried forward at the March 2013 Town meeting; and to draw such funds for expenses associated with the restoration of the Old Town House.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5  Against: 0  Absent: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 4  Against: 0  Absent: 2

(ARTICLE 25) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $30,704 from the Fire Department Capital Reserve account for the third year payment on two fire trucks and appropriate $19,630 from the Public Works Road Maintenance and Paving Capital Reserve account for the third year payment on the Sand/Salt Shed, for a total sum $50,334.

2013 Budget: $50,334  2014 Request: Appropriate $50,334

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5  Against: 0  Absent:
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 4  Against: 0  Absent: 2

(ARTICLE 26) To see if the Town of Belgrade 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?

2013 Budget: $50,000  2014 Request: $50,000

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5  Against: 0  Absent:
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 4  Against: 0  Absent: 2

(ARTICLE 27) To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate up to $2,000 for the cost of updating the Town’s Forestry Management Plan, including a Harvest Plan. The Forestry Management Plan would include the lot located off the Dunn Road next to the transfer station as shown as; Map 5, Lot 5.1 and the Pine-Grove section of the Town’s Pit Lot as shown as; Map 7, Lot 59-B in the Town of Belgrade, ME.

2013 Budget: $0  2014 Request: $2,000

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5  Against: 0  Absent: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 4  Against: 0  Absent: 2

CONTINGENCY ARTICLES-CFAS & LIBRARY

(ARTICLE 28) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of $20,525 to support the cost of heat, lights, and upkeep of recreational facilities for the calendar year 2014. (Article 28 is required if Article 3 is defeated)

2013 Budget: $25,344  2014 Request: $20,525

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4  Against: 0  Absent: 1
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6  Against: 0  Absent: 0
(ARTICLE 29) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of $25,660 to support the cost of salaries until March 31st, 2014 and the maintenance costs for the Center for All Seasons for the calendar year 2014. (Article 29 is required if Article 3 and Article 4 are defeated)


Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4  Against: 0  Absent: 1
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6  Against: 0  Absent: 0

(ARTICLE 30) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of $10,026 to support the cost of salaries until March 31st, 2014 for the library. (Article 30 is required if Article 5 is defeated.)

2013 Budget: $12,250  2014 Request: $10,026

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5  Against: 0  Absent: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 4  Against: 0  Absent: 2

***PUBLIC SAFETY***

(ARTICLE 31) To see if the Town will vote to approve the merger of the Fire Department Capital Reserve and the Rescue Capital Reserve Accounts for any future capital expense incurred by the Fire and Rescue Departments.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5  Against: 0  Absent: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 4  Against: 0  Absent: 2

(ARTICLE 32) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of $92,240 to support the following Divisions of the Public Safety Department:

- Public Information Officer  $ 320
- Contracted Law Enforcement  $ 660
- Fire & Rescue Capital Reserve Account  $50,000
- Code Enforcement Officer  $22,224
- Municipal Streetlights  $ 7,500
- Animal Control Officer  $11,086
- Health Officer  $ 450
- Total Article:  $92,240

2013 Budget: $81,638  2014 Request: $92,240

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4  Against: 0  Absent: 1
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6  Against: 0  Absent: 0

(ARTICLE 33) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of $105,611 to support the Fire Department and place all unspent funds into/or draw any revenue short fall from the Fire & Rescue Capital Reserve Account.

2013 Budget: $100,431  2014 Request: $105,611
Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4  Against: 0  Absent: 1
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6  Against: 0  Absent: 0

(ARTICLE 34) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of $47,831 to support the Rescue Department, and place all unspent funds into/or draw any revenue short fall from the Fire & Rescue Capital Reserve Account.

| 2013 Budget: $45,207 | 2014 Request: $47,831 |

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4  Against: 0  Absent: 1
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6  Against: 0  Absent: 0

(ARTICLE 35) To see if the Town will appropriate monies from the Fire & Rescue Capital Reserve Account to purchase a new rescue truck, with the amount not to exceed $150,000.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5  Against: 0  Absent: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 4  Against: 0  Absent: 2

(ARTICLE 36) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of $35,200 for a new echocardiogram/heart monitor/defibrillator for the Rescue Department.

| 2013 Budget: $0 | 2014 Request: $35,200 |

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

(ARTICLE 37) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of $34,000 to support the Public Safety Answering Point (call answering $6,600, dispatch services $7,974 and rural dispatch, $19,426; fees are for Fire, Police and Rescue Calls).

| 2013 Budget: $32,825 | 2014 Request: $34,000 |

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4  Against: 0  Absent: 1
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6  Against: 0  Absent: 0
(ARTICLE 38) To see if the Town will raise the sum of $427,060 for general maintenance, plowing, sanding and salt for Town roads as follows, with any unexpended balance to lapse back into the Public Works Road Maintenance and Paving Capital Reserve Account:

- General Maintenance: $115,000
- Maintenance of Salt/Sand Shed: $750
- Plow & Sand: $199,060
- Sand & Salt: $112,250
- Total Article: $427,060

2013 Budget: $409,357       2014 Request: Raise: $427,060

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 0

(ARTICLE 39) To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of $390,110 for Road Maintenance and Paving projects with any unexpended balance to lapse back into the Public Works Road Maintenance and Paving Capital Reserve Account:

- Chandler Road: $187,700
  Preparation work: Culverts, ditching, etc
  Reclaim, driveways, shoulders
  Pave 20’ wide by 2.5” lift 5280’ long
- Loon Cove Drive: $138,910
  Preparation work: Ditching, rock removal & shoulders
  Paving: 20’ wide by 2.5” lift 4050’ long
- Shim work:
  Dunn Road 2877 linear ft. $31,950
  Point Road 1030 linear ft. $11,325
  Wings Mills Road 1533 linear ft. $20,225
- Total Article: $390,110

2013 Budget: $332,100       2014 Request: Raise $390,110

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

(ARTICLE 40) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of $67,128 to support Town Facility Maintenance.

2013 Budget: $69,903       2014 Request: $67,128

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

(ARTICLE 41) To see if the Town will raise $214,620, and appropriate $25,000 from anticipated revenue from
Solid Waste Operations for a total request of $239,620 and place all unspent funds into/or draw any revenue short fall from the Solid Waste Capital Reserve Account.

| 2013 Budget: $236,923 | 2014 Request: Raise Appropriately $214,620 $25,000 $239,620 |

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0 Absent: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 2

(ARTICLE 42) To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of $10,500 from the Solid Waste Capital Reserve to pave the following areas at the Transfer Station Facility: in front of the shingle drop-off area and approximately 7800 sq. feet of road way going from the recycling building to the brush pile and the demo wood drop off locations.

| 2013 Budget: $0 | 2014 Request: Appropriate $10,500 |

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 0

(ARTICLE 43) To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate the sum of $42,500 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: $5,000
- Dunn Rd. Landfill bush hogging: $1,000
- Chandler Rd. Landfill bush hogging: $1,000
- Chandler Rd. Landfill fertilizer: $500
- Legal for Chandler Landfill $10,000
- Mitigation for Chandler Landfill $25,000
- Total Article: $42,500

| 2013 Budget: $8,646 | 2014 Request: $42,500 |

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 0
(ARTICLE 44) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of $35,601 and appropriate $25,314 from the Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust earnings for a total of $60,915 to support costs of operation and maintenance of Belgrade Cemeteries for 2014. Itemized requirements are as follows:

- Personnel Wages & Benefits: $39,890
- Services & Contracts: $4,390
- Supplies & Materials: $11,750
- Capital Outlay, land & Equipment: $4,000
- Licensing: $635
- Advertising: $250
- Total Article: $60,915

2013 Budget: $60,967  
2014 Request: Raise $35,601  
Appropriate $25,314  
$60,915

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5  Against: 0  Absent: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 4  Against: 0  Absent: 2

(Article 45) 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.

2013 Budget: $2,500  
2014 Request: $2,500

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4  Against: 0  Absent: 1
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6  Against: 0  Absent: 0

***SOCIAL SERVICES***

(ARTICLE 46) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of $4,650 as compensation and support for the following Social Service Divisions:

- General Assistance: $4,450
- Memorial Day: $200
  Total Article: $4,650

2013 Budget: $11,300  
2014 Request: $4,650

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

(ARTICLE 47) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of $16,175 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: $7,350
- Total Article: $16,175

2013 Budget: $17,152  2014 Request: $16,175

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 0

(ARTICLE 48) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of $2,000 for the Library Capital Reserve.

2013 Budget: $2,000  2014 Request: $2,000

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

(ARTICLE 49) To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Parks & Recreation to conduct fundraising to support the capital, operating and programming costs for the Belgrade Recreation Department. Fundraising proceeds up to $72,500 will be applied to the reduction of taxes; revenues above this amount will be placed into the Recreation Capital Reserve.

2013 Budget: $77,000  2014 Request: $72,500

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5 Against: 0 Absent: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 2

***INTER-GOVERNMENT***

(ARTICLE 50) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate $5,600 as Belgrade's share of 2014 operating/maintenance costs of the region's three dams - Belgrade Lakes, Wings Mills, and Salmon Lake. Total projected cost in 2014 equals $10,000 (Rome's share = $2,700 and Oakland's share = $1,700).

2013 Budget: $5,600  2014 Request: $5,600

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

(ARTICLE 51) 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 2014.

| 2013 Budget: $14,390 | 2014 Request: $20,000 |

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

***UNCLASSIFIED***

(ARTICLE 52) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate $34,200 to pay Workers and Unemployment Compensation premiums for all municipal employees.

| 2013 Budget: $24,115 | 2014 Request: $34,200 |

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5  Against: 0  Absent: 0  
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 4  Against: 0  Absent: 2

***TRUST ACTIVITIES***

(ARTICLE 53) To see if the Town will authorize, designate or release the collective sum of interest of $13,500 as dictated by the DC Stevens Fund:

- Total Article: 13,500

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

| 2013 Budget: $13,500 | 2014 Request: $13,500 |

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

(ARTICLE 54) 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 2014 and continuing his/her education:

| 2013 Budget: $500 | 2014 Request: $500 |

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 5  Against: 0  Absent: 0  
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 4  Against: 0  Absent: 2
(ARTICLE 55) To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of $121,032 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.

Selectpersons Recommend: For:  5   Against: 0   Absent:   0
Budget Committee Recommends: For:   4   Against: 0   Absent: 2

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 ___th day of March, 2014.

Jeremy Damren, Public Information Officer