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Town of Belgrade Annual Town Report



**ANNUAL REPORT
Of the
Town Officers**



Maine's 102nd Town

Preceding Maine Statehood by 24 Years

Incorporated February 3, 1796

From Washington Plantation

Above The Signature and by the Authority of

The Architect of the American Revolution

And Then Governor of Massachusetts,

SAMUEL ADAMS

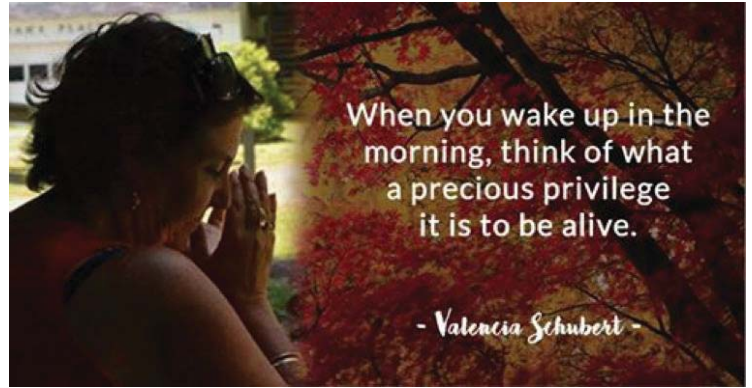
FOR THE YEAR 2016

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Valencia Schubert Town Report Dedication

This Town Report is dedicated to Valencia Schubert, the Town of Belgrade's Recreation Director. Valencia's work at the Center for All Seasons has made the town's recreational programs more successful than ever imagined. Her caring, thoughtful personality makes the programs successful and more importantly, make the people involved feel respected. Her efforts have made Belgrade a better place to live. Valencia is a success, the Recreational Department is a success because of her, and we are all better off because of her involvement in the town.



Valencia Schubert became Recreation Director in March of 2012. She came to us with a diverse background in the non-profit sector, and a great love for children. Valencia's ideas for recreation and kid's programming created a fresh attitude towards the Center for All Seasons. Valencia was thrilled to be working in her hometown just a few miles from where she lived. She immediately set out to bring the Center for All Seasons into a new phase of development, building on the work of previous directors as well as implementing new ideas to get more Belgrade residents of all ages into the Center. Valencia's warm, caring personality and perceptive insight is a key to her success.

Valencia has molded the Center into a welcoming place. When you enter, you may see toddlers moving to tunes, adults playing pickle-ball, or kids doing "kid" things. The new playground equipment is a great safe addition to the grounds, and the addition of model trains to 'Movie Night with Santa' and laser tag to the mother and son event have proven to be quite popular. These are but a few of the activities that Valencia has successfully spearheaded, and it seems she is always ready to provide recreational space for new activities and accommodate everyone's needs. She doesn't say "no" easily.

Our Valencia faced a health challenge in 2016 which she will be healing from for a bit longer. We held a most successful Spaghetti Supper/Silent Auction fundraiser to help her with expenses at which there was standing room only. The town's love for this incredible woman runs deep! We all hope that you have a chance to attend events and programs at the Center for All Seasons in 2017 and if you haven't already, meet this wonderful woman. We are so fortunate to have a well-managed, safe local facility for indoor events and even more fortunate to have Valencia Schubert in Belgrade, Maine.



Constance “Connie” F. Keschl
March 31, 1949 – March 23, 2016

Constance “Connie” F. Keschl, was born in Elisabeth, NJ and received her B.S. in Home Economics Education from Mansfield State College in Pennsylvania. With her husband, former Belgrade Town Manager and State Representative Dennis L. Keschl, she moved to Maine in 1979.



From 1979 to 1980, the family lived in Wayne and moved to Belgrade in 1980. Connie taught at Livermore Falls High School, Gardiner High School, KVCAP, Georges Valley High School, Brunswick High School, and finally retired from Livermore Falls Middle School in 2006. As a teacher she loved and was loved by her students, many of whom would call or visit with her often after her retirement. She was a tireless advocate for the continuation of Home Economics programs in Maine high schools and decried its removal from our educational programs. She knew that without the benefit of receiving education in these life skills during high school, most students would have to struggle with trying to learn them as they passed into adulthood.



Connie was multi-talented with a special eye to details and was forever active doing arts and crafts, quilting, scrapbooking, photographing flowers and lighthouses and traveling throughout the United States. She was rarely without her camera and loved to explore lighthouses wherever she travelled. Connie was a loving wife and devoted mother, raising her two children, Dennis Kurt and Thomas Michael. She was also a kind and gentle spirit, who loved all animals, especially her “grand-doggie” Raven and her feline companion Maui. She had a special fondness for cats.

While in the hospital she was excited to learn that her first grandchild due in August was to be a girl, the granddaughter that she had always wanted. Unfortunately, she passed unexpectedly only a few days later. She was a special person, in love with life, and all things around her. Those who knew her will never forget her.





Llewellyn (Lou) A. Ashland
December 12, 1928 ~ May 28, 2016

Lou was born Dec. 12, 1928 in the same home he lived in on the Bartlett Rd in Belgrade at the age of his death on May 28, 2016. He was the first born of four children of Albert F. Ashland and Doris (Libby) Ashland and was educated in Belgrade schools, graduating from Belgrade High School in 1948. His father taught him a lot about living and working on the farm and maintaining the property. During the Great Depression years, they ran a cider mill selling apple cider to the locals and traveled to Augusta via horse and buggy to sell firewood.



On October 21, 1951, he married his high school sweetheart, Marice (Rickie) Deering and remained devoted to her until she passed away in 2000. For many years during the summer months, together they owned and operated Snug Harbor Camps on Great Pond and were assisted, in various roles, by all of their children in which they fostered a sense of responsibility and teamwork and the fun it could be.

Lou served honorably in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict and was discharged in 1952. Prior to his retirement, he was employed as production manager by Joseph Kirschner Co. for 30 years. Lou was a long-time member of St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church in Augusta and his faith was shown in his commitment to service in his community. For most of his life he was an active leader for the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), serving as Scoutmaster for many years and later as a treasurer, and mentoring boys in all areas of scouting merit badge requirements. In 2000, the BSA Kennebec Valley District presented him with the Silver Beaver award, which is given, based upon recommendations from one's Scouting peers and is the highest award that a local council can present to a volunteer.

He had a passion for sports, playing baseball in his young years and playing golf his whole life and was an active member of both the Maine State Golf and Central Maine Seniors Golf Associations. He was thrilled to be able to share his love of the game by mentoring Boy Scouts in golf rules, etiquette, safety, and how to play for those working toward their golf merit badge.

Winters were devoted to actively serving in the Belgrade Draggin' Masters Snowmobile Club, being president and helping to maintain local trails, assisting with cookouts, fishing derbies, and land-owner appreciation dinners, and encouraging participation. He saw beauty in a freshly-groomed trail and took pride in how well the club maintained the trails for Belgrade. He enjoyed playing bridge at the Cohen Center in Augusta and every other chance he got with friends and family. Motivated by the prospect of being able to play bridge any day or night, he learned how to use a computer and tablet and realized the value of these tools in being able to stay in close contact with the people he loved.

When he was outdoors, he typically could be found mowing a neighbor's lawn, four-wheeling, snowmobiling, working on projects, or assisting others with their projects. Nothing would stop him from celebrating and enjoying life to the fullest and helping out wherever he could. He was enthusiastic, joyous, and always thankful to God for the gift of a good life blessed with family, friends, and the Belgrade community.

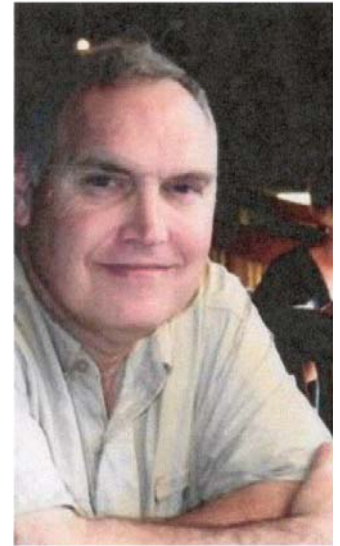




JOHN G. SKINNER
October 2, 1952 – July 5, 2016

John was born October 2, 1952 in Point Pleasant, New Jersey to Rae Skinner and the late Jack Skinner. He grew up in Ulster Park, New York with his older sister Kathy and younger siblings Jeanne and Mark. They lived at the top of a mountain. John loved hunting with the beagles and exploring the forest.

John graduated from Kingston High School in 1970. From there, John continued on to Ulster County Community College. Before earning his degree, John enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1972 and served until 1976. While serving, he was stationed at Loring Air Force Base. John developed a love of Maine. After John's service, he earned an Associate's degree in Arts from Ulster County Community College in 1978. In 1979, John earned an Associates of Science from Ranger school in Wanakena, NY. Also in 1979, he began working at International Paper at their regional headquarter in Augusta, Maine as a forester and cartographer.



In 1983, John married Cindy Hawes and built a home in Belgrade, ME. Together they had two children, John Jr. and Elizabeth (Izzy) Skinner (Brown). John was a volunteer firefighter for Belgrade for many years. He was also an Elder, Deacon and Treasurer, Sunday school teacher and youth group leader. He helped to build the Belgrade Bible Church facility. After retiring from IP, John worked at Hammond Lumber Company in their Belgrade location for eight years.

In May 2014, John was diagnosed with a rare blood disease called amyloidosis. He fought hard, but lost the battle on July 5, 2016. He is now with his Lord and Savior.

John was an outdoorsman and a devoted loving son, husband and father. He is greatly missed.



**TOWN OF BELGRADE
APPOINTED BOARDS, COMMITTEES, POSITIONS & ELECTED OFFICIALS**

PLANNING BOARD

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

Peter Sargent, (19)
Peter Rushton, Chair (17)
Roger Derosier, (18)

George Seel, (19)
Richard Baker (17)
Shawn Grant- Alternate (19)
Gary R. Fuller, CEO
Craig Alexander- Alternate (19)

BOARD OF APPEALS

Seven members with staggered three-year terms, no alternates

Richard McCarthy (17)
Richard Bourne (19)
Valton Wood (19)
Alexander Wall (18)
John Bradshaw Jr. (18)
Norma Blazer (19) Secretary
Ernst Merckens (19)

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Three members with staggered three-year terms and two alternate members.

Richard Bourne (17)
Rhaeto Pfister (18)

Two Vacancies and one alternate vacancy

LIBRARIAN

Janet Patterson
Jarod Bond, Assistant Librarian

TOWN MANAGER

Appointed by Selectpersons with contract

Carrie Castonguay

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Six members with staggered three-year terms.

Jason Carey (19)
John Sutton (17)
Daniel Newman (18)
Ernst Merckens (19)
Howard Holinger, Chair (18)
Kim Haggan (19)

DAMS COMMITTEE

Four members with staggered three-year terms.

Craig Alexander, Alternate (17)
Doug McCafferty (18)
George Hoy (18)
Thomas Bennett (19)
Raymond Hewett (17)
Michial Heino, Alternate (19)
Kerry Oliver-Alternate (19)

ROAD COMMITTEE

Ernest Rice
Jeffery Clark
Rhaeto Pfister
David Stevens
Bruce Plourd
Tom Streznewski
Dennis Keschl
Jack Sutton
Jason Stevens
Maurice Childs, Road Commissioner

The Town Manager serves in an advisory capacity

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Staggered three-year terms (expire in December)

Diane Wright (17)
Dianne Dowd (17)
Adelaide Lalime (18)
Loyce Hayslett (16)
John D'Amico (18)
Ernst Merckens (18)
Zigmunt Streznewski (16)
Grace Carlson

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Five-member board with three-year terms plus the Sexton.

Mike Heino (19)
Robert Lewis (18)
Gary Foss, Sexton
Phillip Sprague, Chair (18)
Bruce Galouch (17)
Roy Lord (19)

TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Six members with staggered three-year terms

Town Manager, Advisory Only
Tom Daniels (19)
Rhaeto Pfister (18)
David Viens (16)
Bruce Galouch, Chair (19)
Cathy Sears, (18)
Susan Littlefield (18)
Harold Webster, Alternate (19)
Ernst Merckens-Alternate (19)
Kenneth Scheno, Transfer Station Supervisor

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Town Manager serves in an advisory capacity.

Kathleen Wall (18)
George Seel (18)
Gary Mahler (18)
Peter Sargent (18)
Denise Lord (18)
Cathy McKelway(18)

RSU #18

Two RSU members with staggered three year terms.

Debra McSweeney (17)
Rebecca Seel (19)

D.C. STEVENS

Three-year term
Pamela Prescott, Chair (17)

FIRE DEPARTMENT/RESCUE

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

Dan MacKenzie, Fire Chief (21)
 Lisa Day, Asst. Chief of Rescue(18)
 William Pulsifer, Deputy Chief (19)
 Travis Burton, Capt. of Rescue (19)
 Edward Ketch, Jr., Asst. Chief/Lakes (19)
 Conrad Shaw, Lt. of Rescue (19)
 Scott Damren Asst. Chief/N. Bel. (19)
 Bruce Galouch, Asst. Chief/Depot (19)
 Douglas Sawyer, Lt/Lakes (17)
 Dan Newman, Lt/Depot (19)
 Kathryn Damren, Capt. / N. Belgrade (19)
 Mark Day, Capt/Lakes (19)
 Bruce Plourd, Capt/Depot (19)
 Stephen Smith, Lt. Training (19)
 Michaelyn Smith, Lt. of Rescue (19)

BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS

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

Michael Barrett, Chair (17)
 Rick Damren, Vice Chair (19)
 Ernest Rice (19)
 Cheryl Cook (18), resigned
 Gary Mahler (18)

BOARD OF PARKS & RECREATION

Ten members with staggered three-year terms.

Karen McFadden (17)
 Linda Bacon (18)
 Joe Adlam (17)
 Mark Ardito (17)
 Roger White (19)
 Tracy Wright (16)
 Dana Doran (19)
 Katherine Ferguson (18)
 Travis Jorge (19)
 Jason Lindsay (19)
 John Shilken (19)
 Valencia Schubert, Recreation Director

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	
Jeremy Damren	1 yr
Civil Emergency Mgt. Asst. Dr.	
Edward Ketch	1 yr
Public Information Officer	
Jeremy Damren	1 yr
Health Officer	
Karen Childs	1 yr
Historian	
Nancy Mairs	1 yr
Plumbing Inspector	
Gary Fuller	1 yr
Code Enforcement Officer	
Gary Fuller	1 yr
Tree Warden	
Carrie Castonguay	1 yr
Agent, IF&W	
Anthony Maffei	Indefinite
Agent, Motor Vehicles	
Melanie Alexander	Indefinite
Town Clerk/Dep. Registrar	
Cheryl Cook	Indefinite
Tax Collector	
Melanie Alexander	Indefinite
Deputy Clerk/ Registrar	
Nicholas Poole	Indefinite
Deputy Clerk /Dep. Registrar	
Anthony Maffei	Indefinite
Deputy Clerk	
Melanie Alexander	Indefinite
GA Administrator	
Carrie Castonguay	Indefinite
Asst. GA Administrator	
Anthony Maffei	Indefinite
Asst. GA Administrator	
Melanie Alexander	Indefinite
Treasurer	
Melanie Alexander	Indefinite
Deputy Treasurer	
Anthony Maffei	Indefinite
Deputy Treasurer	
Nicholas Poole	Indefinite

Report of the Board of Selectpersons

2016 was a monumental year for the Town of Belgrade. The Select Board oversaw the planning, design and construction of the new town office, which had been previously approved by the Town voters. The Town has been using the new facility for several months. It has proven to be functional, attractive but conservative in attributes. The Board and the contractors worked hard to give the Town a facility about which it could be proud, without spending your money on unnecessary “extras”. The Town Office was used for voting in the recent presidential election. It was able to handle the crowds well.

The Town under took the completion of three years of road work in this one season, covering 9 miles and 7 roads as well as regular repair work. A big thank you goes out to Maurice Childs, Road Commissioner and our contractors for accomplishing this project so smoothly.

A draft of the new Commercial Development Review ordinance, prepared by the Planning Board, with help and guidance from KVCOG, will be presented to the voters for their consideration, on the secret ballot.

The Friends of Belgrade Lakes Village, an off shoot of a committee originally authorized by the Select Board, will present the result of their efforts at planning and fund raising, to the voters, for their acceptance of this gift of the money necessary to fund new pedestrian lighting and sidewalk enhancements in the Village. This project will be funded entirely with private donated money. The Select Board wishes to thank the entire committee but especially Diane Oliver and Liz Fountain the co-chairs, for the two years of work that went into this project. With the work of the MDOT, along with the “Friends”, we will have a Village area that will be attractive to our visitors and residents and something that all Belgrade residents can be proud.

The Belgrade / Rome Food Pantry has been in its new quarters, in the North Belgrade Community Center for about a year. The Pantry committee reports that the new digs are working well. They have greater room for storage, parking and the clients have more privacy.

The Board has renewed the agreement with the Towns of Rome and Mt. Vernon for the use, by their residents of our transfer station. They do so on a “pay by the bag” basis.

We have contracted with a new assessor company. Welcome RJD Company.

We have a new auditor. They have completed a new trust audit. Additionally, they developed a new chart of accounts for better transparency to the residents.

Our investment accounts have been moved to Bar Harbor Trust. This will give us unified investments with sub-accounting to increase returns.

Please note the pictures of “old Belgrade”, loaned to us by the Belgrade Historical Society, on display in the Town Office. See if you recognize any of the scenes depicted.

The Board wishes to thank all of the Town employees and committee members who give their time to make Belgrade work. Including the Town office staff, the Town Manager, Transfer Station workers, Facilities Maintenance crew, Library staff, Recreation Department, and the Fire and Rescue Department. An especially big thanks and gratitude goes to all of the many town’s people who are members of the boards and committees, who volunteer their time they are the backbone of town administration. Thank you for your hard work and dedication. There are several openings on the boards and committees. We invite all Town residents to consider serving.

Respectfully Submitted, the Belgrade Select Board,

Michael Barrett, Chair

Richard Damren, Vice Chair

Gary Mahler, Selectperson

Ernest Rice, Selectperson

Town Manager Report

2016 was a year of change; new town manager, new town office, new auditor and new accounting system. I look forward to Town Meeting so we can celebrate not only the end of my first year, but also the many accomplishments and the changes that we have realized. Looking ahead, I am anxious to begin the Route 27 road construction project with the Department of Transportation, implementing with the Recreation Committee the forestry harvest and developing the trails system, continuing the work of the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee as well as many other things.

In June we moved into our new town office. If you have not had the opportunity, I encourage you to stop by. It is magnificent! We have storage space that was not available in the old office as well as space for meetings without spillover into the hall. Thank you for your support of this construction project with gratitude to the following contractors and suppliers for their generosity and dedication to the project (not a complete listing):

Thayer Engineering	A.E. Hodsdon	Kevin Hawes Construction
Kavestone Construction	Generators of Maine	Gagne & Sons
Hammond Lumber	Onsite Mechanical	Veilleux Construction
Broz Drywall	Rolfe's Well Drilling	Lakeside Landscape
Bruce A. Manzer	Pat Jackson	Neokraft Signs

This year we entered into a contract with RHR Smith of Buxton, Maine as our new auditor. They came highly recommended from a number of surrounding towns and provided many recommendations for accounting practices. From the onset, they accurately restated all the 2016 beginning balances, helped with a new chart of accounts and provided guidance on creating clear cost centers that will provide transparency for departments. Over the summer they completed an audit on the trust funds and you can read more about that in the Budget Committee's report.

Speaking of the Budget Committee, I would like to give a shout-out to them, and the Select Board, for their trust, patience, and willingness to take on the task of a new budgeting process. Change is not easy and it was a particularly difficult budget development process with the new accounting process. Next year we will be easier with familiar paperwork.

The major shifts in accounting practices are the new cost centers that department heads are using. Most notably are the removal of line items from various departments for facilities into a new Facilities and Grounds Maintenance cost center and the creation of a new Cemeteries cost center. Previously these cost centers were sub-departments of Public Works and were based on a 40/60 split. By pulling these two areas into their own cost centers it will provide the opportunity for more accurate budgeting in the future as well as data collection for future decisions.

The new Facilities and Grounds Maintenance cost center will enable the town to have a clear picture of the amount of monies needed for each individual building as well as personnel costs for maintaining the town's facilities. Previously, each department, i.e. recreation and public safety had a lump sum amount in their budgets for facilities. Now each building has budgeted individually heat, lights, security systems, and funds for individual building repairs.

The new Cemeteries cost center will also provide transparency of what it costs for the town to maintain its cemeteries and equipment like with the facilities cost center. Compartmentalizing will create the data to substantiate future taxpayer requests.

In addition to the changes mentioned above, there are also subtle shifts of line items from one department to another. For example, the Code Enforcement office has been taken from Public Safety and is now part of General Government. Incorporated into Code Enforcement is the position of Licensed Plumbing Inspector. Added to the General Government cost center is a detail of professional services such as legal fees, assessing services, and auditing services.

The warrant articles presented in this Annual Report reflect changes in accounting practices and to the best of our ability provide an apple to apple comparison. I would like to note, however, that the municipal budget as presented is down \$87,314; something of which I am very proud. I would like to commend my department heads for their conservative approach to this budget.

Lastly, due to the vote at the 2016 Town Meeting, there will be no road capital improvement projects for the next two years so we may pay off the bond. The Road Committee has begun the process of discussing 2017 and 2018 maintenance projects. This spring I am in hopes to get out and complete an updated road survey to further these discussions. As of now, we are discussing possibly doing another large project that will incorporate the Dunn Road, Bartlett Road and Wings Mills Road. We will have more info for next year's report.

Respectfully,
Carrie Castonguay
Town Manager

2016 Budget Committee Report

2016 was a busy year for the budget committee. We continue to serve as an advisory group for the Selectboard and the citizens of Belgrade. We asked for an audit of the various Trust Accounts that have been created with generous donations from Belgrade citizens over the years. The first audit that was done left both the Selectboard and the Budget Committee still asking questions. With our new Town Manager coming on board a year ago, there was a suggestion to use a new audit firm. There have been numerous meetings with the Selectboard and the Budget Committee to review and respond to the results of the current audit. There are other reports in this Town Report that reflect the findings of the more complete audit. Reports include not just the Trust Accounts, but also all town financial transactions.

The Budget Committee worked with other town committees to clarify the practices of the Trust Accounts. We also were included in the discussions of general reporting practices of all town funds. It has been both educational and informative to have had such a review. While there have been other towns who have experienced criminal activity with town funds, it has been good to hear the auditors feel that there are not indications of any wrong doing in Belgrade. We needed to clean up the accounting practices, and we have. The Trust Account activity has been lacking detail over the last few years. Please look for a more complete report in this Town Report.

The town also changed the financial institution managing the Trust Funds, starting January 1, 2017. The funds are now in a Unified Trust Account with Bar Harbor Trust Services. All the monies for the Trust Funds have been combined into one investment account. Having the funds in one account gives all the accounts more earning power. The reporting from Bar Harbor will show each fund with individual earnings as a percentage of the total fund. We are reporting the activity of the funds for 2016 in this Town Report, as has been done in the past. Starting with 2017 the year ending report from Bar Harbor will be included in the Town Report.

The Budget Committee has had a full 6 member complement for most of the year. As the Chair, I want to thank the committee for helpful input while we completed the tasks at hand throughout the year. Thank you Cheryl Cook and Laura Hudson for your service to the committee and welcome new members, Ernst Merckens and Jason Carey.

Howard Holinger, Budget Committee Chair

Committee Members: Jack Sutton, Ernst Merckens, Dan Newman, Jason Carey, Kim Haggan

Report of the Belgrade Trust Accounts from the Budget Committee

Belgrade has a number of Trust Accounts that are the direct result of gifts given to the town over a number of years. These trusts have been established for both care of our cemeteries and to benefit the students in Belgrade. For a number of years, the Budget Committee has been concerned about the reporting of Trust Account activity in the town report. Two years ago, we asked the Selectboard to have an audit of the Trust Accounts so the town could see the status of these accounts. The first audit that was done proved to be not much more helpful than the information we already had on hand. As we changed Town Managers and some of the office positions, the decision was made to have a more complete audit of not only the Trust Accounts, but also the general town accounts. We welcomed the more extensive audit and appreciate all the work that was done to move Belgrade into a more up-to-date, consistent and complete accounting system and audit process.

It will be almost impossible to go back over every transaction of the Trust Accounts over the many years. Our concern was to go back to at least 2010, when there was reporting for all the accounts, and move forward. The second auditor went back further than that and has now given us both accurate numbers to work with from this point forward, but has also suggested best practices to report Trust Account activities. We have final numbers for the accounts for 2016, but the starting balances that were partially reported in the last Town Report are not accurate. The auditor's full report is found elsewhere in this 2016 Town Report. We have compiled the following report of the Trust Accounts to follow our traditional reporting of these accounts in the 2016 Town Report. In the future, there will be a report from Bar Harbor Trust Services reflecting the Unified Trust Account we have established as of January 1, 2017.

It should be noted, in the final audit report of the Trust Accounts, the auditor, RHR Smith and Company, stated, "During our review, nothing came to our attention about the Trust and Cemetery Reserve accounts that may be constructed as criminal in nature. Our finding and conclusions are more of a result of weak internal controls over fiscal records and fiscal processing at the Town."

We also did some research to look at the documents that established the various trust accounts. After reviewing these documents, it became evident that some of the names we have been using for a number of years were not the names used by those who established the trusts. For that reason, some of the names you see in our report may not be the names you are familiar with seeing associated with these trusts.

The Selectboard also asked the Budget Committee to work with the Cemetery Committee and the DC Stevens Committee (representing the two larger trust accounts) to clarify policies and procedures for these trusts in keeping with the intent of the original donors and some procedural changes voted at earlier Town Meetings. The cemetery report also includes the Yeaton and Lacroix funds. Those two reports were reviewed by the Selectboard, accepted and are available at the town office as a matter of public record.

A third report is in process, as of this writing, to clarify the family's intent of The Robert A. Guptill Historical Fund. It is expected that the report will be accepted by the Selectboard and will be available in the Town Office along with the other trust account information.

As of January 1, 2017, all Trust Accounts will be held and managed by the Bar Harbor Trust Services. The monies have been combined into a Unified Trust Account. The growth/loss, income, and management fees are reported out for each Trust Account. By putting all the monies into one unified account, the smaller accounts

benefit from the investment opportunities of a larger portfolio.

The following is the report of the Trust Accounts for Belgrade in 2016. There are 6 Trust Accounts. The cemeteries benefit from the Belgrade Cemetery Portfolio, the Guy A. Yeaton Cemetery Trust Fund and the Lacroix Cemetery Care Trust. The students at Belgrade Central School benefit from two funds, The Don C. Stevens Fund for the Public Schools of Belgrade and The Robert A. Guptill Historical Fund. The Don C. Stevens Fund was established to reward the student who maintained the highest average rank in High School.

Town of Belgrade Trust Account Activity for 2016

The starting balance for each of the funds is the amount reported by the audit. We recognize there are differences with the fund balances reported in the 2015 town Report and the amounts we are reporting from the audit. There is explanation of these differences in the detail of the Auditor's Report.

There are numerous references in old town reports and notes in the trust files in the town office to a practice of leaving the gain in the funds and treating only the interest and dividends, less any management fees, as the spendable portion of the funds. It also has been the recommendation of the town in earlier years to reinvest 10% of the earnings into the non-spendable portion of the funds. This practice is reaffirmed by the current Budget Committee and the Selectboard. Shown below are the individual trusts with 2016 data, with payouts available for 2017, subject to Town approval.

Don C. Stevens Fund for the Public Schools of Belgrade

Balance January 1, 2016	\$617,028.74
Spent by the committee in 2016	(\$13,360.45)
Earnings (dividends and interest net of bank fees)	\$16,861.51
Net available for the committee, with town approval, in 2017	\$15,175.00
Balance December 31, 2016	\$659,410.14

Don C. Stevens Fund (Academic award)

Balance January 1, 2016	\$2,022.66
Spent for the award in 2016	\$00.00
Earnings (interest)	\$5.61
Net available for the award, with town approval, in 2017	\$27.00
Balance December 31, 2016	\$2,028.27

Guy A Yeaton Cemetery Trust

Balance January 1, 2016	\$3,608.12
Spent in 2016 to reduce town expenses for cemetery care	\$00.00
Earnings (interest)	\$10.01
Net available to help cover cemetery expenses, with town approval, in 2017	\$9.00

Balance December 31, 2016	\$3618.13
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Lacroix Cemetery Trust

Balance January 1, 2016	\$12,987.33
Spent in 2016 to reduce town expenses for cemetery care	\$00.00
Earnings (interest)	\$36.09
Net available to help cover cemetery expenses, with town approval, in 2017	\$32.48
Balance December 31, 2016	\$13,023.42

Belgrade Cemetery Portfolio Trust

Balance January 1, 2016	\$459,667.26
Spent in 2016 to reduce town expenses for cemetery care, including past year obligations not transferred as directed by earlier town votes	(\$56,854.00)
Earnings (dividends and interest net of bank fees)	\$4,893.04
Net available to help cover cemetery expenses, with town approval, in 2017	\$4,403.74
Balance December 31, 2016	\$423,600.88

Robert A. Guptill Historical Trust

Balance January 1, 2016	\$15,113.04
Spent in 2016	\$00.00
Earnings (interest)	\$36.92
Net available for the committee in 2017 (cash on hand at school and net income)	\$1,847.82
Balance December 31, 2016	\$15,149.96

Road Commissioner Report

This past year was very busy. Along with regular yearly maintenance we completed three years' worth of and preparation work for our capital paving project that was approved at last year's town meeting. This work included paving the rest of the West Road, completely rebuilding and paving Mill Stream, shim of one spot on the Dunn Road as well as a couple of small spots on Wings Mills Road. The Knowles Road was reclaimed and paved including culvert replacement and shoulder work. Sahagian Road was shimmed and a low spot was built up to prevent premature deterioration. On the Point Road, we were able to reclaim and build up a portion of the road and then pave the entire road.

In other areas, the town received a grant from the state this past year for road sign replacements. The town's responsibility was that we only had to pay 10% of the total cost of the signs and posts. We upgraded road signs, posts, and installed some new signs for a total of 77 new signs and posts.

This year we plan on doing a lot of maintenance work. I am expecting the roads to have a lot of frost heaves this spring, if they don't already, because of the extreme changes in temperature over the winter.

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

Thank you,
Maurice Childs
Road Commissioner

Planning Board Report

The Planning Board reviewed a number of permit applications during 2016. While the number of applications was not a record high, the Planning Board still had plenty to do! We also undertook many revisions to the Commercial Review Development Ordinance. These revisions were done to clarify the language, reduce any conflicting language, and to introduce improvements which would align the Ordinance better with the Comprehensive Plan. We were able to rely on the expertise provided by Chris Huck from the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG). On behalf of the Planning Board, I would like to extend our thanks to Chris. He was very patient as we waded through a host of revisions. After it was all said and done I'm happy to say we've produced an Ordinance which will go before the voters in March of 2017.

I want to thank each Planning Board member. These volunteers bring a wide range of skills and experience and have created a wonderful environment in which to collaborate. They are: Roger DeRosier, Rich Baker, Peter Sargent, George Seel, Craig Alexander, and Shawn Grant. These caring individuals work very hard to reach informed decisions. I'm grateful for their participation. Thank you for your service!

The Planning Board has had a change in our Secretary position. Nick Poole has become our Secretary and has done a fantastic job. Nick brings many administrative and technical skills to the role. Thank you Nick!

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Rushton, Chairperson

Belgrade Fire and Rescue

Belgrade Fire & Rescue has had one of the busiest years on record. The Department responded to 432 calls for service. We continue and strive to serve the people of Belgrade to the best of our ability. We would like to recognize the many committed volunteers we have on our department. They put countless hours into serving the department and community. These members leave their homes and family, often at inconvenient times, to help the citizens and visitors of our beautiful town. State & Federal laws require active members of the fire/rescue department to commit to hours of meetings and trainings. We are looking for people who have the time and desire to help others, to join our team. If you are interested, please reach out to a member of the department and let us know.

We currently are staffing either an advanced E.M.T. or Paramedic Monday through Friday during the day to answer E.M.S. & Fire calls. This has been working out well for the department and has improved our response capability and response times during the day. Nights and weekends still depend on the availability for our volunteers to be able to respond.

This year the town will be paying off the two fire trucks that were purchased in 2012. They are being paid off earlier than originally planned. Also, the previous rescue truck had the severely rusted body removed and is currently being converted into a brush truck with a flatbed and a skid unit.

In the near future, we will be looking to replace our thirty-year-old tank truck which is located in the Depot. We are also in the preliminary stages of planning a new Depot Station. This would have a positive impact on the town. Our staff would spend more time in a centralized location improving response times and more equipment would be housed here as well. At the current Depot Station we have to pull trucks outside in order to fully open compartments and remove equipment from trucks for routine upkeep. The current Depot Station does not have office space or running water.

We have been awarded multiple grants this year. The Maine Forest Service Volunteer Fire Assistance Program grant has allowed us to purchase forestry hose, adapters, and fittings to be better equipped for forest fires. The MMA Safety Enhancement Grant helped us purchase new S.C.B.A. air bottles which were needed because we are required to dispose of older bottles that are outdated.

Unfortunately, the pole barn that was approved to be built last year at the Lakes Station was not constructed as planned. Therefore, this is a separate article on the town warrant simply to move this money forward to this year. This pole barn will serve to keep our ATV/ rescue toboggan trailer as well as the brush truck under cover. We currently do not have room to keep this trailer inside.

Breakdown of Calls for 2016

Total calls	432
Structure Fires	6
Woods Fires	4
Car Fires	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	25
Chimney Fires	3
C/O other gases	11
Fire Alarms	26
Water/ice Rescue	2
Tree down/ Tree on wires	25
Other	21
Medical	206
Trauma	44
Mutual Aid	58
<u>(Rome, Augusta, Sidney, Smithfield, Oakland, Mt Vernon, Manchester, New Sharon)</u>	

We want to thank the residents and visitors of Belgrade for their continued support. In addition, we would like to recognize the following businesses for allowing their employees to respond to calls during the day: Hammond Lumber, Bob the Plumber, Generators of Maine, Belgrade Lakes Electric and the Town of Belgrade. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted

Daniel R. Mackenzie, Fire Chief

William P. Pulsifer, Deputy Chief

Travis S. Burton, Rescue Chief

Edward Ketch Jr., Assistant Chief, Belgrade Lakes

Bruce Galouch, Assistant Chief Belgrade Depot

Scott Damren, Assistant Chief North Belgrade

10 Year Fire & Rescue

Response Summary

2007- 355

2008- 326

2009- 263

2010- 355

2011- 333

2012- 333

2013-317

2014-338

2015-364

2016-432

Transfer Station & Recycling Facility

We would like to thank the residents, commercial haulers and businesses of Belgrade for your ongoing dedication and combined efforts to make 2016 another successful recycling years.

We recycle all kinds of plastics, all paper, metal and universal waste (i.e. televisions, printers, batteries, computers, CFL light bulbs (the curly ones) and tube florescent bulbs.

We implemented a new paint recycling program in 2016. It was a huge success thanks in large part to our Transfer Station and Recycle Committee who all volunteered their time as we recycled 20,170 pounds that's 1645.4 gallons of paint. We will continue to have paint recycling events each year in June and August. When we recycle we keep those items out of the solid waste stream in turn we keep costs down and do our part in keeping the environment clean. We urge everyone to ask questions if you are not sure what is or is not recyclable our knowledgeable staff will be more than happy to help you. Each year we are recycling more than the year before but there is always room for improvement. We are asking for your help to make 2017 a record year. Our goal should always be to decrease the cost of operating the facility and maximize the revenue from recyclable sales. All of us at the facility and the committee are dedicated to these goals through hard work, dedication and education in the town of Belgrade.

Reminder:

- ✓ Display current Transfer Station sticker. They are available at the Town Office.
- ✓ Separate and dispose of recyclable items properly. See attendant with questions
- ✓ Keep loads covered and secure on the road and when entering the facility.
- ✓ Practice strong safety values while at the facility.
- ✓ Participate in the "punch card program" it saves you money and stream lines our process the punch cards are available at the town office to all taxpaying residents at no charge.

Report of the Code Enforcement Officer

2016 was a busy year, although the number of new homes was the same as 2015. The total number of building permits was 89 compared to 87 in 2015. The breakdown is as follows:

	2015	2016
Single Family	6	6
New Seasonal Dwelling	1	1
Alterations/Additions	37	38
Garage/Sheds	36	40
Mobile Homes	1	0
Swimming Pools	0	0
Commercial Structures	1	0
Foundations	5	4
Total	87	89

We certainly have a lot more permits issued for additions and alterations of existing homes than we do for new homes.

Report of the Plumbing Inspector

The total number of plumbing permits was 65 compared to 59 in 2015. There were 24 permits issued for internal plumbing and 41 issued for external plumbing. Should you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance please contact me at 441-5302.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gary R Fuller
Code Enforcement Officer

Belgrade Public Library

The Belgrade Public Library continues to improve in 2016! We have many people to thank for another great year! A special grant from the Maine Humanities Council enabled us to discuss the changing definitions of citizenship throughout the United States. The Belgrade Regional Health Center provided insight on Ticks & Lyme Disease free of charge through the Library. A special bequest from the Sylvanne Labun estate to the Belgrade Public Library permitted us to present several programs by Maine authors such as Maureen Milliken, JP Devine, Joyce Lovely, Paul Doiron, Travis Mills, and Stuart Kestenbaum. Patron donations continued to enhance our other program offerings to include Hank Lunn, Anne O'Regan, and Scott Andrews. Our continued cooperation with RSU #18 libraries provided access to additional summer reading materials again this year. The Maggie Schneider Fund continues to assist us in bringing science and environmental programs to our community such as Chewonki and Mad Science of Maine. The William Alford Fund empowers us to expand our children's book collection again this year. With all these wonderful resources helping the Belgrade Public Library, we can't wait to see what 2017 brings!

Have you heard about our monthly email newsletter? Find out what's happening at the Belgrade Public Library each month from the comfort of your living room. Get reminders and news about the library as well as updates on special events like author visits and kids' programs. Simply send your name and email address to Belgrade@belgrade.lib.me.us to begin receiving the email newsletter.

The Library continues to offer:

- Online catalog linked on our website www.belgrade.lib.me.us
- Weekly children's story time
- Monthly Minecraft programs (weekly in summer)
- Children's summer reading incentive program
- Monthly book discussions for adults
- Special events such as Mad Science of Maine and Chewonki programs and various author visits
- Basic computer training, reference assistance and interlibrary loans
- Printer, scanner and fax equipment for public use
- Internet access and high-speed Wi-Fi
- Ebooks and audio books through *Maine Infonet Download Library*

Members of the Library Board of Trustees are appointed by the Select Board to oversee the municipal library. In 2017 the trustees are: Zigmunt Streznewski, Ernst Merckens, John D'Amico, Adalaide Lalime, Maureen Kibler and Dianne Dowd with Grace Carlson serving as the Youth Representative. They meet in the library on the first Thursday of each month at 7p.m.

We want to take this opportunity to thank our regular volunteers Abby Corbett, Sandra Fowler, Dianne Dowd, and Loyce Hayslett who continue to be very helpful. Many others volunteer in the library and we appreciate their service to the community.

Of course, we would also like to show our appreciation for Jared Bond, library assistant, and Brian Cote, summer library aide, for their wonderful service to the Belgrade community in 2016.

Belgrade Public Library is open 25 hours each week.

Tuesday 10-7 **Thursday 10-7**
Wednesday 2-6 **Saturday 10-1**

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Patterson, Library Director

Belgrade Public Library 2016 statistics

Card holders	1,819
Items borrowed	9,138
Ebooks & audiobooks	1,625
Interlibrary loans	444
Library volunteers hours	135

www.belgrade.lib.me.us
495-3508
124 Depot Road
Belgrade, ME 04917

Friends of Belgrade Public Library

The Friends of the Belgrade Public Library continue to be very grateful for the many volunteers who attend our meetings and help with our various fund raisers. This enables us to continue to maintain the building and the property of our beautiful Belgrade Public Library without the use of taxpayer money. Mark your calendars for these activities during the coming year.

March 11, 2017: **Winter Book Sale** at the Belgrade Central School 9a.m. – 2p.m.

April 7, 2017: **Basket Bingo** along with the Belgrade Fire Department at the Belgrade Central School. Doors open at 5p.m.

June 10th, 2017: **Yard Sale**; Day's Real Estate, Rte. 27, Belgrade, Maine; 8a.m. – 2p.m.

July 4, 2017: **Book and Bake Sale** at the Center for All Seasons; 9a.m. – 2p.m.

July 29, 2017: **5K Walk, Jog or Run** starting at the Library, 8a.m. (Registration at the Central School opens at 7:30a.m.)

Friends meetings are every third Wednesday of the month at the Belgrade Public Library 6:30 p.m.

Our book sales are very popular with supporters and book dealers, who come from far and wide, to check out the wide selection of books. We welcome all the donations that are dropped off at the library throughout the year. We advertise our books as “lightly used” and ask that all donations are clean, in fairly good condition and meet the following guidelines.

Novels----Less than 10 years old

History & Biography ---Any age in good condition

Classics, Literature and Poetry ---Any age in good condition

Non-fiction technology books ---- Less than 5 years old in good condition

Non-fiction books on gardening, cooking, hobbies, crafts, self-help, psychology, DIY, etc --- Less than 20 years old and in good condition

Non-fiction books on medicine, health, and diet ----Less than 10 years old and in good condition

Antique books ----75 years or older in fair condition

Children's books ---- Paperback and Hardcover, all in good condition

Pre-recorded VHS tapes, CDs, DVDs ---- All in good condition

Books we cannot accept

- Dirty, moldy and smelly books, boxes containing mouse droppings, Encyclopedias, Textbooks, Magazines, books that are falling apart.
- Please drop off no more that 2-3 boxes at a time. Volunteers spend many hours sorting and categorizing all books before the sale.
- Donations to help with the operating and maintenance of the library are tax deductible and always gratefully accepted. Checks may be made out to the Friends of the Belgrade Public Library, P.O. Box 474, Belgrade, ME 04917.

Board members:

Cheryl Cook & Linda Sprague Co-Presidents

Linda Bacon, Secretary

Kathy Brown, Corresponding Secretary

Judy Johnson, Board Member at Large

Beverly Megill, Vice President

Diane Bourque, Treasurer

Belgrade Area Dams Committee Report

The severe drought conditions that our area has experienced throughout the summer have placed a burden on the water level management plan that we are asked to follow. Our lakes and ponds are still at lower than normal managed levels. Any residents using the lakes or ponds for a water source should take precautions to extend and cover the water lines to prevent freezing. Rain is desperately needed to bring our water table back to normal levels.

Minor maintenance and repairs were completed on all three dams and the Emergency Action Plan was updated on the Salmon Lake Dam during 2016

For 2017 we have the need to address some growing water leakage problems on the Great Pond Dam's spillway structure. We are requesting that the Towns of Belgrade, Oakland and Rome appropriate the amount of \$10,000 to address the Great Pond Dam leakage problems and \$10,000 for the annual continuing maintenance and repairs to all three Dams.

A total request of \$20,000:

Belgrade	\$11,200	=	(56 %)
Oakland	\$3,400	=	(17 %)
Rome	\$5,400	=	(27 %)

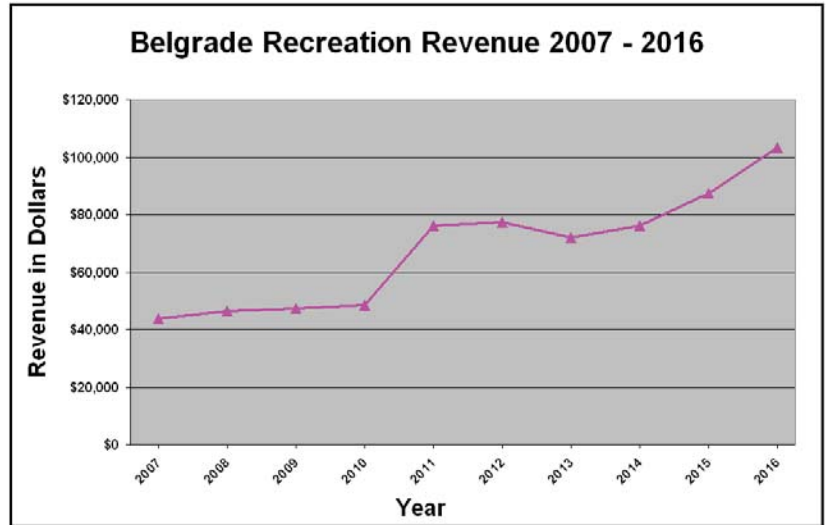
The Members of the Committee would like to thank the residents and officials of the Belgrade, Oakland and Rome for their continued assistance and support.

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of all Members of the Belgrade Area Dams Committee,

Doug McCafferty, Committee Chairperson

Recreation Department 2016 Report

2016 was a year of triumph and challenge at the Center for All Seasons. As you can see in the adjacent graph, revenue was the highest ever achieved in the history of the town at \$103,544! Most of that revenue goes right back into the general fund to offset the recreation programming budget and the remainder is set aside in the Recreation Reserve Account which is used for equipment and repairs to our recreation facilities as authorized by the Selectpersons. It is this account that was used to pay for the new roof, partial funding for the new playground equipment, and other similar expenses.



Revenue is generated by both children and adult themed events at the center. Children's programs such as summer camp and after school enrichment bring in the bulk of the revenue. Facility rentals and adult programs such as Yoga, Zumba, Basketball and Circuit training are popular and generate significant income as do cross-generational activities like the Father-Daughter Valentine Dance, Mother-Son Superhero Laser Tag, and Craft Fairs. Some of the most popular events are open to everyone like the Easter Egg Hunt and Movie and Train Night with Santa. Where else can you sign-up for a bus trip to the Fryeburg Fair or a shopping trip to Boston with friends? We have a website and Facebook page on which you can search for upcoming events.

The 2017 budget process has presented a challenge for all the town departments. A new accounting approach has been instituted that looks at 'cost centers' rather than departments, in an effort to make sure that expenditures are tracked using state-of-the art best practices. The old approach was to separate 'recreational programming expenses' from 'recreation facilities expenses' in the town warrant and resulting budget. This year those two categories have largely been combined with a few items being moved to other cost centers, so if you compare the numbers in last year's town report with this year's, you will notice differences. This year's warrant article includes a recalculated budget from 2016 so that we can directly compare the old and new costs. You may notice that other articles were affected in a similar manner. Although it was a challenge to make this transition this year, being in compliance with standard practices is important.

We hope that you have a chance to attend events and programs at the Center for All Seasons in 2017. We are so fortunate to have a local facility for indoor events as well as access to a safe playground and beautiful Great Pond by Belgrade residents! A big Thank You goes out to Valencia Schubert, Belgrade's Recreation Director, and her awesome staff. You have truly made a difference in our lives and we love you!

Respectfully submitted, Linda Bacon, Chair Board of Parks and Recreation

Belgrade Historical Society Annual Report

As the Chairman of the Belgrade Historical Society (the Society), I am pleased to submit this annual report for the Belgrade Historical Society (BHS).

2016 has been a very busy, a year of accomplishments and a year of challenges!

Our plan to move forward with an aggressive fundraising effort for the restoration/renovation of the Old Townhouse for a permanent facility for our Society was put on hold, but the Society moved forward in many other areas.

- We continued to open the BHS History Room at the Center for All Seasons to the public throughout the summer and had a number of new visitors and increased interests in the collections held there. Open on Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., summer vacationers and year-around residents took the opportunity to view the collections and in many cases donated items that added to the collections and increased our knowledge and understanding of Belgrade's past. Eric Hooglund is our Collections Committee Chair and he can be contacted at 495-2310 to arrange a visit of the History Room by appointment. In order to increase the number of hours that the History Room is staffed during 2017, we need to have more volunteers. If you want to volunteer, you can contact Eric or any of the Executive Committee members.
- We continued to make our collections more accessible to the public. With the opening of the new Town Office, town officials offered to let the Society use the new facility to display historical photographs of Belgrade and its surroundings. This is a great opportunity for the public to view pictures from our photographic collection that many have not seen. If you have yet to visit the Town Office to see the photographs you should do so! In the future we hope to display other physical artifacts that are of special interest, including a reproduction of the original incorporation papers, which will be presented to the Town by the Society once the reproduction is complete. We also have an historic, pre-ZIPCODE Belgrade Lakes Post Office sign that is on loan to and exhibited in the Belgrade Lakes Post Office.
- Our monthly membership e-newsletter, produced by Linda McLoon, continued to provide interesting historical insights into people, places and things related to Belgrade and surrounding areas. Unfortunately, Linda has left her position as Membership Committee Chair and lead on our newsletter; she will be very difficult to replace. However, if you are interested in assisting the Society in these areas, contact me at keschl@yahoo.com or call me at 495-2973.
- Our website, www.belgradehistoricalsociety.org, and our facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/belgradehistorical>, continue to be updated with news and historical items for all to see and read. Belgrade history is truly becoming more available to all through the internet, and you can renew your membership or become a member, as well as order the items we have for sale through the website.



- We held several fundraising activities during the year and have many items for sale both online and at the History Room. We still have some of our Historical Society aprons and Hats, and CDs of the Farnham Scrapbook, which were recently available at our “open house” during the *Winter Stroll*. We participated in the July 4th Parade with the use of John Endicott’s Model T Ford in an effort to increase public awareness of our Society. Our Summer Fair in August raised nearly \$2000 dollars which we have placed in a separate account for the restoration/renovation of the Old Townhouse. We sincerely appreciate the support provided by our members, friends, and neighbors for these events.
- Through the hard work of Sandy Lewis, we now have a good compilation of all of the camps that made their home in the Belgrade Lakes Region. Sandy also prepared a map showing the camp locations and documented the available information in file folders that are available for viewing and research at the History Room.
- We sponsored six programs during the year, and they covered issues such as Prohibition in Maine, Mainers in the Gold Rush, and Belgrade Lakes as a Tourist Destination. All were well attended.
- We received several donations of historical items of significance to our town, including a gift from Gail P. Lloyd of furniture that belonged to Greenlief T. Stevens, a Civil War veteran and prominent Belgrade person. Photographs of two pieces of this important collection are shown below. We also received from Bill Martin a number of historic films of various activities around Belgrade. While some of these films have been transferred to digital media, many have not. Our goal is to get them transferred and then have a “movie” program during the summer of 2017. Thanks to all who have contributed and continue to contribute to our collection.



As Chairperson of the Society, I want to extend my sincere thanks to our entire Executive Committee, who have worked so hard to make this year a success. However, I want to offer special thanks to Linda McLoon for her outstanding efforts to improve our collections and the access others have to it, and for her work to increase our membership by keeping it informed of our activities through the monthly newsletter; she will be missed.

Finally, as with any volunteer organization, our success depends on our members and their willingness to support us with their time and energy. The Executive Committee alone cannot make the Society a success. Therefore, if you are interested in assisting us to grow and document the varied and interesting history of our Belgrade region for the education of future generations, please contact me.

Submitted by:

Dennis L. Keschl, Chairman
 Belgrade Historical Society
 Website: www.belgradehistoricalsociety.org
 E-mail: keschl@yahoo.com

2016 Belgrade Executive Committee Members:

Eric Hooglund, Secretary
 Duane Farnham, Treasurer
 Loyce Hayslett
 Adelaide LaLime
 Robert Lewis
 Sandra Lewis
 Nancy Mairs (Town Historian & Ex Officio Member)
 Linda McLoon
 Margaret McMorow
 Michael Barrett

CHARLES HIBBARD WYMAN -- Belgrade's Confederate Soldier

Wyman is an old name in Belgrade. Two Wyman brothers came from England as settlers to Woburn, Mass. in the 1600's. Grandson Simeon, b.1734, came to Belgrade with wife and 6 children in 1774, claiming a lot on the south side of Belgrade Hill. Their seventh son (of 10 children), also named Simeon, was the first child born in Belgrade (1775). Almond Hibbard Wyman, b.1814, was father of Charles Wyman , born in 1837.

In the 1960 Town Report, local history buff Lawrence Sturtevant wrote that "Three men who were working in the shipyards of Mississippi at the start of the (Civil) War served for a time in the Confederate army: Charles H. Wyman, brother Almond Wyman, and John M. Mills....Charles Wyman barely missed death when a Union bullet went through his hat; in time he was captured by the Union forces and thus found his way back to his Belgrade home."

It was not that simple!

Bob Lewis has researched Charles H. Wyman's Confederate military records, which indicate that he enlisted at age 24 in March, 1862, in the 26th Louisiana Infantry, Company H, in Houma, LA. He was among those captured at the surrender of the Confederate fortress and city of Vicksburg on July 4, 1863. On July 7, 1863, Wyman signed the Oath of Allegiance to the United States of America. He also stated his desire to "return to his home, in the State of Maine, and remain a loyal man."

Refusing parole, which would have gained him release (if he promised not to rejoin the Confederates), he was held at Federal prisoner-of-war camps, mostly at Camp Morton, Indiana. On September 3, 1863, he took the oath of allegiance again and named as his bondsman his grandfather, H.F.D. Wyman of Belgrade, Maine. His release was not ordered until December 23, 1864, his bondsman again listed as Henry F.D. Wyman. On January 3, 1865, Charles Wyman was released on oath from Camp Morton to return to Belgrade, Maine. Nothing is noted about the trip home.

Health Officer Report

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

Childhood and adult immunizations must be kept up-to-date. Mandatory vaccines for attendance in our schools include: DTAP, MMR, Polio, Hepatitis B and Varicella. Annual influenza vaccine is strongly recommended for all. It is important to keep children at home with Flu symptoms (fever, coughing, sneezing, vomiting or diarrhea). All adults in the workplace should also consider this recommendation. During the Flu season, it is very important to wash hands with soap and water frequently, cover coughs and sneezes and do not share personal items with friends or other family members.

This year there have been a few issues of problems with infestation of rats and an episode of norovirus infections, both problems resolved.

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 not ask for help.

Our local food bank, located at the North Belgrade Community Center, serves residents of Belgrade and Rome. Donations of non-perishable foods, time or money are always welcome. Please contact the Town Office for help or information.

If I can be of help, please contact me through the Town Office or at home at 495-2982.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Childs, RN
Belgrade Health Officer

Belgrade Cemetery Committee Report

The Belgrade Cemetery Committee oversees four major cemeteries in the greater Belgrade area. These are the Woodside and Pine Grove on Rt. 135, Quaker, just across the road on Rt.11 and Ellis Pond in North Belgrade. Throughout these cemeteries are many veterans from all of our country's wars. Two years ago, new veteran markers were purchased and we are pleased that these are holding up well. I encourage anyone who knows of someone that should have a marker and does not, to contact me or someone on the cemetery committee. We will correct this oversight as soon as possible.

Anyone who has placed Fall or Christmas decorations on a loved one's grave should remove any keepsakes by May 15th. Our spring clean up before Memorial Day will begin after this date.

The Cemetery Committee is looking ahead to a plan to rectify the salty water problem in the entire cemetery area. One possibility is to take water from Hamilton Pond and pump it up to a building that would be located in the lower corner of the Woodside Cemetery. This would make water available to Woodside where none has been before as well as Pine Grove.

A generous donation by Hallowell Construction Co. to do the work necessary to prepare Plan 5 for use was a bonus for the year 2016. This donation was graciously accepted by the town at a special town meeting. The work will include taking down the hill, and leveling the land to remove any low spots. Included in the donation will be putting in the roads, reseeding the area and putting in a water line as they go. All this is of no cost to the town and will be done in between Hallowell's own work load.

Lastly, I would like to personally thank all the volunteers who put out the veteran's flags and plant several hundred flowers before Memorial Day. Also, a big thank you to the Cemetery Committee for their work in overseeing all our cemeteries and to members of the Belgrade Fire Department for locating and putting out the markers to honor our past firemen.

Members of the Cemetery Committee

Bruce Galouch, Robert Lewis, Roy Lord, Michael Heino, Phil Sprague (Chairman)

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Foss

Space Activity Report

Date Printed: 01/23/2017

Period Covered: From 01/01/2016 to 12/31/2016

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>CO-OWNER</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SOLD DATE</u>	<u>COST</u>
PLAN 2 RANGE12 10 5	KeSCHL, Dennis		Ground Space	4/1/2016	\$ 50.00
PLAN 2 RANGE12 10 6	KeSCHL, Dennis		Ground Space	4/1/2016	\$ 50.00 ✓
PLAN 2 RANGE12 10 7	KeSCHL, Dennis		Ground Space	4/1/2016	\$ 50.00 ✓
PLAN 2 RANGE12 10 8	KeSCHL, Dennis		Ground Space	4/1/2016	\$ 50.00 ✓
PLAN 2 RANGE7 4 8	MacKenzie, Joan	MacKenzie, Richard	Ground Space	5/3/2016	\$ 50.00 ✓
PLAN 2 RANGE8 5 7	Wiles, Caleb	Wiles, Larry	Ground Space	7/7/2016	\$ 50.00 ✓
PLAN 4 RANGE1 14 7	Carothers, Carol		Ground Space	10/19/2016	\$ 50.00 ✓
PLAN 4 RANGE1 14 8	McKelway, Cathy		Ground Space	10/31/2016	\$ 50.00 ✓

SPACES THIS PERIOD: 8

TOTAL SALES: ~~\$400.00~~

Plan 4 Range 3 / Row 18 / Lot 2 David Plarsted Ground space 5-13-16 50

Plan 4 Range 3 / Row 18 / Lot 3 David Plarsted Ground space 50

Plan 4 Range 3 / Row 18 / Lot 4 David Plarsted Ground space 50

Plan 3 Range 7 / Row 26 / L-2 Barry morrell Penelope morrell Ground space 2/3/16 50.

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Plan 4 Range 4 / Row 2 / L-1	Coyle R Lionel	Ground Spite	Gibbille	50
" " " L-2				50
" " " L-3				50
" " " L-4				50
Plan 4 - Range 5 / Row 2 / Lot 1				50
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" " " Lot 3				50
" " " Lot 4				50
Plan 4 - Range 5 / Row 2 / Lot 1				50
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Burial Activity Report

Date Printed: 01/30/2017

Period Covered: From 01/01/2016 to 12/31/2016

<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DEATH DATE</u>	<u>BURIAL DATE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FUNERAL HOME</u>
Rodrique	roland		02/03/2016	04/20/2016	Cremation	PLAN 3 RANGE2 12 1	
KeSCHL	connie	66	03/23/2016	04/22/2016	Adult	PLAN 2 RANGE12 10 6	Knowlton Hewins Roberts Funeral Home
Wadleigh	MURIEL .H	90	03/31/2016	04/22/2016	Full	PLAN 3 RANGE2 19 5	Knowlton Hewins Roberts Funeral Home
Bickford	Donald			04/26/2016	Full	PLAN 1 RANGE2 24 2	Knowlton Hewins Roberts Funeral Home
Wyman	Ralph L.			05/05/2016	Cremation	PLAN 3 RANGE5 29 7	
Dolloff	Robert			05/07/2016	Cremation	PLAN 3 RANGE7 15 1	Brackett Funeral Home
Lovejoy	Charles D.			05/13/2016	Cremation	PLAN 4 RANGE2 4 1	Wheeler Funeral Home
Hatt	arlette		03/21/2016	05/14/2016	Cremation	PLAN 4 RANGE2 7 1	Wheeler Funeral Home
Lorey	Gloria		01/04/2016	05/14/2016	Cremation	PLAN 1 RANGE7 32 7	
Stollenwerck	Susanne	74	05/11/2016	05/18/2016	Full	PLAN 4 RANGE6 10 3	Knowlton Hewins Roberts Funeral Home
McKenney	PAULINE .L		03/24/2016	05/27/2016	Cremation	PLAN 3 RANGE8 4 3	
WilleTTE	DEBRA .A		03/17/2016	05/28/2016	Cremation	PLAN 4 RANGE8 8 2	Lawry Brothers Funeral Home
Ashland	Llewellyn			06/01/2016	Full	PLAN 3 RANGE9 8 7	Plummer Funeral Home
Healy	Joseph			06/10/2016	Full	PLAN 1 RANGE9 32 5	Plummer Funeral Home
Knight	Annie		06/05/2016	06/18/2016	Cremation	PLAN 2 RANGE7 10 8	Wheeler Funeral Home
Elliot	Dale	81	06/14/2016	06/25/2016	Cremation	PLAN 3 RANGE2 5 5	
Lord	Marion D.			07/09/2016	Full	PLAN 1 RANGE7 25 2	Wheeler Funeral Home

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Wiles	Larry			07/16/2016	Cremation	PLAN 2 RANGE8 5 7	
Skinner	John			07/17/2016	Cremation	PLAN 4 RANGE2 9 1	
Burton	Orland.R	95	02/17/2016	07/23/2016	Cremation	PLAN 3 RANGE8 18 7	Wheeler Funeral Home
Hawes	constance	80	07/19/2016	07/30/2016	Ground	PLAN 3 RANGE1 22 7	Knowlton Hewins Roberts Funeral Home
Condon Rix	Gary	78	01/01/2016	08/10/2016	Cremation	PLAN 2 RANGE11 6 3	
Douglas	Edgar H.	93	07/31/2016	09/17/2016	Cremation	PLAN 4 RANGE1 1 7	
Libby/Aube	Mary	72	10/17/2014	09/17/2016	Cremation	PLAN 2 RANGE8 13 2	
Peterson	Harold /DEAN		08/31/2016	10/09/2016	Cremation	PLAN 4 RANGE5 14 4	
Jancovic	Rose		08/05/2016	11/05/2016	Cremation	PLAN 4 RANGE6 13 3	
Thompson	Edith			11/19/2016	Cremation	PLAN 4 RANGE5 7 3	

BURIALS THIS PERIOD: 27

Animal Control Officer Report

2016 Animal Control Activities

Animal Welfare Issues = 14

Dog at Large = 55

Missing Cats=3

Livestock Out = 25

Other services = 45

Wildlife Concerns = 31

Missing Dog = 11

Stray Cats = 21

Barking Dogs=2

Another year has passed and I would like to thank all of the responsible pet owners for registering and vaccinating your pets. Dogs at large continue to be an issue, please be mindful of your neighbors when your dogs are out.

Maine Statute Title 7 §3922.

Issuance of License 1. License; January 1st. Each owner or keeper of a dog at the age of 6 months or more, on or before January 1st of each year, shall obtain a license: A. From the clerk of the municipality where the dog is kept; 2. License; after January 1st. The owner or keeper, within 10 days of the conditions of paragraph A or B being met, shall obtain a license, if between January 1st and October 15th of any year; A. A dog reaches the age of 6 months or more; or B. A person becomes the owner or keeper of a dog aged 6 months or more.

Thanks for your cooperation in following State law by licensing your dog.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Ross

Animal Control Officer

Rabies Facts

What is Rabies?

- Rabies is a deadly disease that attacks the nervous system. The virus lives in the saliva of infected animals. Rabies is fatal once it reaches the brain.
- The rabies virus only infects mammals, which puts pets, livestock, wildlife, and people at risk.

How is rabies spread?

- The Rabies virus is spread mainly through bites from infected animals. The disease can also be spread when infected saliva comes in contact with open wounds, skin breaks, or mucous membranes. Most often, domestic animals such as dogs, cats, and farm animals pick up the virus from wild or stray animals. The animals most commonly affected include raccoons, skunks, bats, and foxes.

How to Protect Yourself and Your Family

- Avoid contact with all wild animals.
- **Never** feed a wild animal or take it into your house.
- Stay away from strays and other people's pets. Report strays to your
- local health department or animal control officer.

How to Protect Your Pets

- Have your pets vaccinated.
- Never feed pets outdoors and confine them to your property.
- Act on any attack or animal bite suffered by your pet. Immediately contact your veterinarian and animal control authority

The Signs of Rabies

- “Dumb Rabies”- The animal may become shy or hide. This may be followed by sluggishness, confusion, and depression.
- “Furious Rabies”- The animal may become excitable and aggressive. It can go from being confused and calm to immediately attacking.

Other signs include

- Daytime activity in animals normally active at night
- Staggering weakness, and paralysis
- A change in the sound of the animal’s voice
- Inability to eat or drink
- Drooling
- Convulsion

What to do if you are bitten

- Wash the wound thoroughly with warm, soapy water.
- Call the local animal control authorities or local law enforcement officials.
- If the animal is a pet, get the owner’s name and address and ask for proof of rabies vaccination.
- Call your physician at once and report the bite to local health and animal control official

Don C. Stevens Trust Fund Advisory Committee Report for 2016

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.

Enrichment activities continue 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.

We are adding an after school program called Mind and Movement which will extend students' school day if they choose. Activities will include extensions of both physical education and academics.

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/illustrator Ben Bishop visiting, who was able to provide a dual perspective on children's books for our students. These wonderful authors and illustrators provide whole-school presentations, as well as individual classroom workshops.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Prescott (chair), Laura Dunbar, Becky Seel,
Jill Mackenzie, and Janet Stocco

Don C. Stevens Expenditures

	2016 proposed	2016 Spent	2017 proposed
<u>General</u>			
Miscellaneous	\$500	\$0	\$500
Parent Folders	\$500	\$250.00	\$500
<u>Art</u>			
Teacher Supplies	\$1000	\$661.82	\$800
Laminator	\$500	\$482.90	\$ 0
<u>Enrichment</u>			
PCAC	\$6850	\$6800.50	\$6850
Math/Science Materials	\$650	\$182.57	\$400
Field trips	\$1000	\$1000.00	\$800
<u>Reading/Writing</u>			
Reference	\$500	\$93.27	\$500
Library	\$1500	\$1500.00	\$2000
<u>Black Bear</u>			
Book Awards	\$300	\$300.00	\$300
Supplemental	\$3000	\$2089.22	\$2500
Totals	\$16,300	\$13,360.28	\$15,150

Guptill Fund Committee Report

Belgrade Central School students are benefitting from the Guptill Fund, established to enrich their knowledge of social studies, Maine, its history and culture.

Enrichment activities and field trips provided by this fund will extend our students' learning in many ways. Interest from the Guptill Fund will pay for field trips this year to the Maine State Museum, the Capitol Building, and potentially the governor's mansion. Students will learn about Maine's economy and history through programs on lobstering, lumbering, ice harvesting, and granite quarrying. They will hear about how Maine's government works and learn about the history of the Blaine House in Augusta.

Other activities will include a trip to the Cole Land Transportation Museum in Bangor, whose purpose is to collect, preserve, and display (before they disappear forever) a cross section of Maine's land transportation equipment from which this and future generations will gain knowledge of the past.

Our library is continuing to add materials to support the study of Maine and its history.

Respectfully submitted,
Principal Gwen Bacon

Comprehensive Plan Review Committee Report

In 2014, the voters of Belgrade accepted a **Comprehensive Plan** that had been created by over 600 adults and children who contributed their input during meetings in 2012-2014.

In early 2015, the select board moved the plan forward by approving the creation of an Economic and Community Development Committee (now named the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee) in order to track and help implement the approved recommendations from the various sub-committees that developed the Comprehensive Plan.

Members of the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee:

Denise Lord

Cathy McKelway

Gary Mahler

Peter Sargent

George Seel

Kathleen Wall, Chair

The Goals of the 2014 Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Belgrade are:

1. Protect quality of Belgrade's lakes by making sure all development and land use activities do their fair share to limit phosphorous impact on the lakes from sources including storm water runoff, soil erosion, and septic systems.
2. Conserve and enhance the traditional character of our village and rural areas by ensuring that new development complements existing style, density, and setbacks as well as others as listed in the text.
3. Encourage economic growth and development to maintain strong local economy and property tax base that is consistent with the town's character and compatible with maintaining the quality of our lakes and lands.
4. Minimize the future costs of municipal services by limiting sprawl, strip development, and fragmentation of open space.

Since the establishment of the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee by the Select Board in October, 2015, we have met monthly with the exception of December 2016 (weather). The regular meeting time is the third Wednesday of the month at 6 PM at the Town Office. The meeting lasts for an hour and anyone is welcome to attend.

Notes of the meetings have been posted on the town website as well as a table showing both the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan and progress by various Town boards and officials toward the implementation of those recommendations.

There is also a worksheet/Gantt-style chart that guides our month-to-month meetings.

The nearly 206 recommendations voted upon and approved by voters in 2014 have been reviewed. We have met with town staff, select people, and most members of relevant committees that are capable of providing updated information regarding the recommendations.

We created a matrix (Excel file) that has made it easier for us to track changes and updates, and this has guided our work.

Our findings for FY 2016-2017:

1. There has been progress on many of the recommendations, such as moving forward with plans to create a recreational trail on donated land near the town's landfill on Dunn Road and the building of a new town office building and the opening of historical exhibits in the Center for All Seasons.
2. The Planning Board has been updating the Commercial Development Ordinance in light of the approved Comprehensive Plan to bring before the voters this year.
3. The recommendations being worked on are those that have a particular person or group responsible for its completion.
4. The items that still need attention are those with no individual or group assigned to move them forward.
5. The Comprehensive Plan Review Committee is currently discussing this challenge and will have a recommendation for the Select Board to consider after the annual Town Meeting in March 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathi Wall, Chair



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Gary N. Smith
Superintendent of Schools

Carl Gartley
Chief Academic Officer

Bobbi Avery
Chief Operations Officer

January 23, 2016

Dear Citizens of the Town of Belgrade:

Readiness! Each and every day, this is what your public schools are doing for your children. Teachers, support staff, and the administration of RSU 18 are working hard preparing your children to be ready for their next steps in life after public school. Whether that be college, the military, or the workplace, these efforts begin in pre-kindergarten. These efforts, reflected in the table below, show RSU 18's graduation and dropout rates for the past few years and also show the results prior to when RSU 18 was formed back in July 2009. This is something we can be proud of as RSU 18 far exceeds state graduation and national graduation rates.

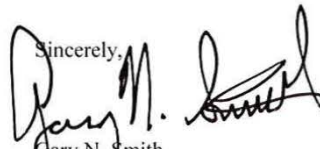
RSU 18 Graduation & Drop Out Rates		
Year	Graduation	Drop-Out
2015-16	94%	1.3%
2014-15	91%	1.2%
2013-14	88%	2.0%
2012-13	94%	1.0%
2008-09	84%	2.7%

But our efforts do not end there. While graduation rates and test scores are crucial indicators of achievement and success, we know very well that overall student success is determined by much more than a single test score. Many schools across the country now look at other key indicators to determine a student's READINESS to be successful for *college, careers and life* after their public school experience. Some examples of these indicators include: taking an advanced placement course, completing certain math courses, regular attendance, community service, participating in co-curricular activities, learning to persevere and that failure is a part of the learning process are just a few examples. For additional information about "Redefining Ready", please visit www.RedefiningReady.org. This past fall RSU18 elementary, middle, and high school teachers and administrators presented at the Maine School Management Fall Conference specifically on the many things happening in RSU 18 from kindergarten to high school each and every day that get our students ready for *college, careers and life*. At the end of this presentation, there was a great round of applause and many school districts from across the state stayed afterwards asking and wondering how we have incorporated these things into our schools. To me the answer this is easy and it is that our staff is focused on *Every Student in Every School, Each and Every Day*. It is hard work but it pays handsome dividends!

Our work on this front is not done. Our District goals for this school year are to continue raising the bar on student achievement, growing and developing our staff, and further developing the strong culture that exists in our schools. While it seems simple, focusing on these core fundamentals is what truly successful companies and organizations do. Stay tuned for more good news from RSU 18. We are achieving these academic successes while still being fiscally responsible to the five communities of RSU18. The current school year's budget is \$34.6 million, only \$800,000 more than the 2009-10 budget of \$33.8 million. The represents an increase of 2.4% over the last eight years or 0.3% per year, well below the inflation rate of 1.3% covering the same time period.

Your Board of Directors is a dedicated and talented group and their collective efforts directly benefit the towns 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 thank them for their continued service on your behalf.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,

 Gary N. Smith
 Superintendent of Schools

"Proudly serving the children in the Belgrade and China Lakes Regions."
 Belgrade - China - Oakland - Rome - Sidney

Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance

Lake Conservation

Town funding supports the lake conservation work of the four nonprofit groups listed below. The town's support is critical to the success of erosion control and invasive plant (milfoil) prevention programs, and is used as leverage to get funding from other sources, including the state.

Lake shorefront properties represent over 50% of the property tax base and over 50% of the home values in Belgrade. As a result, an investment in the lakes is an investment in keeping taxes low and in maintaining local jobs. Lakes are the golden goose that keeps on giving.

The lake conservation groups greatly appreciate the support of Belgrade voters. In past years, Belgrade voters have approved town funding for lakes with a 72-78% approval rating. At the November 2016 election, over 350 Belgrade residents signed our petition to maintain the same amount of town funding in 2017 as we received in 2016: \$40,000. For a \$100,000 property, this represents a 2016 tax bill of \$6.16, a small but important investment in the health of your lakes.

Friends of Messalonskee

The funds in 2016 from the Town of Belgrade allowed Friends of Messalonskee (FOM) to spend more time in milfoil infested parts of the lake in Belgrade. We spent several weeks in the Route 27 launch area, surveyed and harvested in the Belgrade Stream near the Wings Mill dam, and made progress in Loon Cove. FOM also uses town funding to support our Courtesy Boat Inspector program that protects other Maine water bodies and Messalonskee Lake from the further spread of aquatic invasive species.

The funds also helped go toward our Burlap Benthic Barrier program, which has been proving to be the most effective treatment method we have used. We purchased, built, and deployed 4,000 square feet of burlap in Loon Cove, Belgrade. The Maine Department of Environmental Protection is monitoring our progress in this area and is considering replicating this procedure for their rapid response team in other Maine waterways. Loon Cove is a special ecologically rich area and we hope to put a man-made loon nest there this coming spring.

McGrath Pond-Salmon Lake Assoc

The McGrath Pond-Salmon Lake Association (MPSLA) received \$2,000 last year from the Town of Belgrade. Those funds were used to fund our 2016 spending on water quality including:

- Courtesy Boat Inspectors (CBIs) on Salmon Lake and
- Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) work on Salmon Lake and McGrath Pond

McGrath Pond and Salmon Lake are the smallest of the Belgrade chain of lakes, and the MPSLA is grateful for its portion of the amount Belgrade has contributed in the past.

Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance

BRCA's Youth Conservation Corps (YCC):

- In 2016, the YCC budget was \$88,966. Funding was provided by homeowners (45%), private donors and businesses (19%), towns (17%), lake associations (10%), and Maine DEP (9%).
- BRCA installed 31 erosion control projects at 17 work sites in Belgrade: 64% Great, 6% Salmon, 18% Long, and 12% Messalonskee.
- In 2016, 34% of all YCC work sites were in Belgrade.
- The YCC employs high school and college-aged youth. In 2016, 10 were hired including one Belgrade resident.

With respect to invasive plants (milfoil prevention and removal), here are the highlights from 2016:

- BRCA conducted 12,084 courtesy boat inspections between May and September 2016 at five public boat launches and one private launch on Belgrade area lakes. Since 2003, BRCA's CBI program has performed approximately 15% of all boat inspections in Maine. CBIs help prevent the spread of invasive plants into all of the lakes and, in 2016, removed invasive plant fragments from boats entering Salmon Lake.
- In 2007, BRCA's CBI program was awarded the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program "Invasive Plant Prevention Award" for outstanding commitment to the protection of Maine's lakes.
- Working in partnership with Belgrade Lakes Association, BRCA removed 3,500 gallons of variable milfoil from Great Pond and Great Meadow Stream. This number has steadily decreased since 2012, when 50,000 gallons were removed, due to our aggressive efforts.
- Eleven (11) additional miles (bringing the total to 42 miles) of shoreline on Great & Long Ponds was "adopted" through the Adopt-A-Shoreline program, and at-risk areas of Great Pond & Long Pond were surveyed.
- BRCA's milfoil program provided 6 area high school students, 6 college students, and 6 local community members with rewarding summer jobs learning about lake ecology, the value of Maine's lakes, and the risk of invasive plants.
- Total milfoil program expenses amounted to \$180,000. Funds were received from lakes associations, towns, Maine DEP, and private donors. Volunteers also contributed over \$9,000 of volunteer time to this effort.

In 2016, BRCA received a grant through the Maine DEP 319 grant program to conduct erosion control projects on Long Pond and on Great Pond. BRCA spent \$40,000 to rebuild camp and town roads to reduce erosion into these lakes, generating \$48,000 in match from road associations, the Town of Rome, and private landowners. No funds were requested from Belgrade. In addition, BRCA (with KCSWCD, Maine DOT, and Maine DEP) conducted a road workshop for town officials, contractors, and road associations.

Belgrade Lakes Assoc

The Belgrade Lakes Association (BLA) can report a very successful year helping protect our lakes. The BLA increased its contribution to the Courtesy Boat Inspection (CBI) program to \$25,300 in 2016. As a result of this increase, there was CBI coverage at the boat ramps on Great Pond and Long Pond from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm every single day of the summer from Memorial Day right Labor Day weekend. As a result of these extended hours, 7,486 inspections were conducted, 854 more than in 2015.

The BLA also contributed nearly \$100,000 to the STOP MILFOIL mitigation work on Great Pond and Long Pond this past year. Those funds paid for another aggressive year of work to control the invasive milfoil threat to our lakes and community. 3,500 gallons of invasive milfoil plants were removed from Great Pond. Both lakes were extensively surveyed for new outbreaks. Scattered plants were found in North Bay and single plants were found in Robbins Mill Stream on the north end of Great Pond and in Pinkham's Cove and Austin Bog on the south end of the lake. This threat is by no means over.

The Adopt-A-Shoreline program was also expanded in 2016. Volunteers searched 11 additional miles of shoreline for new milfoil outbreaks. The 42 miles of lakefront now in the program represents 47% of the total shoreline of Great Pond and Long Pond.

Many thanks to all the Adopt-A-Shoreline volunteers and to everyone who has continued to support the STOP MILFOIL Capital Campaign with their generous donations. Thanks to all of you, we are winning this battle with invasive milfoil.

Belgrade/Rome Food Pantry Annual Report

The Food Pantry is always operating, serving clients, distributing food and household items and ready to assist where and when needed. The latest government survey shows, 16% of households in Maine – about 206,000 people are food insecure. That number includes 24% of Maine’s children and 23% of its seniors. Maine ranks 12th in the nation for this measure of hunger, and first – or worst in New England! The Belgrade/Rome Food Pantry should be recognized as an essential component of town services provided to its citizens to promote and enhance the quality of life of the community. Nutrition is a key component of good health and quality of life and children and adults benefit from the food that is provided on a regular basis from the Food Pantry.

Mission Statement - “The purpose 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.” Individuals may visit the pantry once every four weeks to receive a week’s worth of supplies which is a supplement to their other incomes.

The Food Pantry is always trying to be a visible but discreet part of the community throughout the year. Our presence could be seen at the annual 4th of July festivities in Belgrade Lakes where we had a table on Main Street in front of the 1830 House with literature and information about our efforts along with baked goods. During the summer, we distributed over 50 school backpacks filled with school supplies and school snacks to our clients’ children for the upcoming school year. We also connected with the Belgrade Central School to assist with teacher needs in the classroom. In December, in addition to the regular monthly disbursement, the pantry distributed their annual Holiday Baskets to 53 families which included an entire meal of turkey or chicken, fresh potatoes, fresh fruit, squash, canned vegetables, pies and all the trimmings.

In 2016 the pantry had 58 households registered from Belgrade and 35 households were from the town of Rome. Within those households, on the average 35 families - 110 clients each month were provided with food and household items to last them a week. The Food Pantry is always busy – accepting donations of over 7,500 food items and other necessities, purchasing approximately 26,000 items and distributing 36,950 items to our 93 registered families.

There are many ways the pantry continues to keep its shelves stocked, keep costs down and maintain its budget. The pantry receives a regular monthly check from the Bottle Redemption Box at the Belgrade Transfer Station (thank you for all the deposits). We receive generous monetary support from local businesses, individuals and food drives, such as “Maine Hunger Walk” and “Empty Bowls”. The pantry continues to shop economically and save significantly by using the Good Shepherd Food Bank online program. Because of our new location and expanded space, we were able to accommodate and purchase another freezer to take advantage of sales and increased supplies. The pantry also received several grants this year. The “Joy - Jumpstart Our Youth” grant from the students at Messalonskee High School and “The Emergency Food and Shelter Program” grant offered by United Way of Mid-Maine.

We are always appreciative of individual and organizational food contributions. We have food collection boxes at both the Belgrade and Belgrade Lakes Post Office, the Rome and Belgrade Town Offices and the Center For All Seasons. Monetary contributions can be made directly to the pantry at Belgrade/Rome Food Pantry, P.O. Box 662, Belgrade Lakes ME 04918 or by sending a contribution to Good Shepherd Food Bank, Auburn ME and designating the Belgrade/Rome Food Pantry. We are located at the North Belgrade

Community Center, 508 Smithfield Road, (Route 8) and are open Tuesdays 9:00 – 11:00. Check us out on Facebook for the latest news.

The Food Pantry would like to thank the towns of Belgrade and Rome and all the individuals, local businesses, churches and organizations who help to make these services possible. We are always looking for able-bodied volunteers to add to our already 30+ volunteer staff. If you are interested, please call 495-2022. We are also always looking for ways to assist and to connect with individuals in need – if you know of such need – please contact the pantry.

Board of Directors: Marylou Butterfield, Chairperson; Vicky Bedard, Manager; Hazel Labbe, Secretary; Tony Mastromarino, Treasurer; Laverne Pelletier, Volunteer Coordinator; Evelyn Fowler; Joelle Pelletier



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January 2017

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It has been an incredible honor and privilege to represent you in The House of Representatives during the 127th Maine Legislature. Thank you for electing me to a second term as your State Representative. In the 128th Legislature, I will serve as the ranking House Republican on the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation.

Although, this is a new committee to me, I am confident we will do what is the best for the State as a whole. The taxation committee, oversees a multitude of topics such as: Bureau of Revenue Services and State Property Tax Review Board; state and local taxes; tax exemptions and credits; taxpayer relief programs; property valuation and assessment; tax increment financing; municipal revenue sharing; taxation of unorganized territories; and tree growth and other current use tax issues. I look forward to working with the members of the committee to prepare meaningful legislation for Maine. Often times removing a rule or law has a more positive impact than creating one.

One of the most rewarding components of the job is being able to help constituents when they get bogged down attempting to navigate the bureaucracy of various government programs and agencies. Feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance in any way. The best way to contact me is via e-mail, at Gary.Hilliard@legislature.maine.gov, or by **phone** which is **287-1440**. I do a weekly State News Update via e-mail which many people find to be useful for learning about state issues that affect their personal and business lives. I would love to add you to the newsletter list, and of course you may unsubscribe at any time.

Thank you again, for giving me the honor of serving you in Augusta!

Sincerely,

Gary Hilliard
State Representative

Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our State have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments.

Growing our economy by encouraging job creation remains a top priority. The tax relief bill enacted during this last Congress contains provisions I authored to provide small businesses with the certainty that they need to invest, grow, and, most important, hire new workers. The 2017 National Defense Authorization Act includes a provision the Maine delegation worked together to champion requiring that military recruits be provided with athletic footwear made in America, as is required for other equipment and uniform items whenever possible. This is a great victory for our troops and for the 900 skilled workers at New Balance factories here in Maine.

Maine's contributions to our national security stretch from Kittery to Limestone. As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, I successfully advocated for critical funding for projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and \$1 billion towards the construction of an additional ship that will likely be built at Bath Iron Works. This funding will strengthen the Navy and our national security, and the additional destroyer will help meet the Navy's goal of a 355-ship fleet.

Maine's growing population of older individuals creates many challenges. That's why, as Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, my top three priorities are fighting fraud and financial abuse directed at our nation's seniors, increasing investments in biomedical research, and improving retirement security.

The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for senior citizens to report suspected fraud and receive assistance. Last May, a call to the hotline helped lead to the arrest of a national crime ring targeting seniors, and in June I worked to secure the humanitarian release of a Maine senior who had been imprisoned in Spain after being victimized by an international drug smuggling scam.

The Aging Committee also released an extensive report detailing the findings of our bipartisan investigation into the abrupt and dramatic price increases for prescription drugs whose patents expired long ago.

I advocated strongly for the \$2 billion increase in funding for the National Institutes of Health to advance research on such diseases as diabetes and Alzheimer's. I also championed and authored portions of the 21st Century Cures Act that will further support biomedical innovation and make significant reforms to our mental health system.

The Senate also took steps in the past year to combat the nation's heroin and opioid epidemic by passing the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA), which I was proud to cosponsor. CARA is a monumental step forward in our effort to address the devastating addiction crisis affecting countless families and communities across the country and right here in Maine.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. In December 2016, I cast my 6,236th consecutive vote, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Belgrade and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Augusta state office at (207) 622-8414 or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2017 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
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Dear Friends of Belgrade,

Since being sworn into the Senate in 2013, I have made it my mission to address at the federal level the most important issues facing our great state. Working closely with my colleagues in the Maine Congressional Delegation, we've been able to successfully secure a number of legislative victories that support our state's economy, our rich traditions, and the hardworking people I am proud to represent.

In an increasingly polarized Congress, my goal as an Independent is to put partisanship aside, build consensus and further common-sense solutions to address the needs of the American people. To this end, I have co-founded the Former Governors Caucus, a group of former state executives who are frustrated with legislative gridlock and eager to find bipartisan solutions. And as always, I aim to bridge the partisan divide by hosting barbeque dinners in Washington with colleagues ranging from Ted Cruz to Elizabeth Warren. If you know a person's children, then you see them as a mother or father and not a rival vote, and working to further personal dialogue and build relationships can lay the foundation for successful legislation.

One of the accomplishments of which I am most proud is the legislative victory that protects our college students and their families from an expensive hike in student loan interest rates. In 2013, as students faced a significant spike in interest rates that would have taken thousands of dollars out of their pockets, I brought together colleagues from across the political spectrum to broker compromise legislation called the Bipartisan Student Loan Certainty Act. Thanks to this bill, students will save \$50 billion over the next 10 years by lowering their interest rates, which means that a student in Maine will now save between \$3,000 and \$6,000 over the life of their loan.

Being an Independent in the Senate has allowed me to make calls and vote on policies that are best for Maine, but it has also made it possible to play key roles in finding simple solutions and legislative fixes that make good commonsense to both parties. Of course, much of what we do in the Senate doesn't happen on the Senate floor, or even in committee. Instead, it involves working across all levels of government to ensure the State of Maine receives attention and support from the federal government.

Take, for example, the opioid and heroin epidemic devastating communities across our state. While Congress has passed legislative solutions aimed at expanding access to medical treatment, I've also pressed for other changes that can be accomplished more quickly and make a more immediate difference in Maine. For example, I successfully urged the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to increase the number of patients to whom a doctor can provide medication-assisted treatment, and in 2015 brought the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy to Brewer to meet directly with Mainers and hear their stories. I've also engaged law enforcement – including the Drug Enforcement Agency – to crack down on the production of opioids and work to limit their diversion. Together, Senator Collins and I helped pass the Northern Border Security Review Act to combat drug and human trafficking along our border with Canada.

While the opioid epidemic is certainly our biggest public health crisis, job loss in Maine is still our number one economic problem and that's why we need to focus on bringing good paying jobs back to Maine and protecting the ones we still have. As a member of the Armed Services Committee, I teamed up with Senator Collins and Representative Poliquin to successfully secure a provision in the defense bill that can help domestic shoe manufacturers like New Balance. The three of us also worked together with the Department of Commerce to establish an Economic Development Assessment Team, known as an EDAT, to assist Maine's forest industry in the wake of several mill closures. We have an incredible spirit of innovation and ingenuity in Maine and I believe finding ways to invest in that spirit will reignite Maine's forest products sector and our economy. Part of our economic path forward must also include expanding access to high-speed broadband, which can help connect our businesses and communities to information and economic opportunities.

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January 9, 2017

The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office is pleased to make the following report regarding the services we provided to the people of Kennebec County in 2016. These services include the Law Enforcement Division, Corrections' Services, Civil Process, Court Security and Transport Division. We provided many regional assets to our communities including Drug Investigations, K-9, Dive Team, Sex Offender Registry, Veterans Advocacy, Accident Reconstruction and the Special Response Team.

In 2016 nineteen Deputy Sheriffs serving in the Law Enforcement Division both in full-time and part-time capacity responded to over 16,000 calls for service. As a result deputies made 920 arrests, issued 665 traffic summonses, and responded to 537 motor vehicle accidents. Deputy Sheriffs also responded to 616 alarms, 174 domestic disturbances, and assisted other agencies 771 times. Deputies and Detectives made 81 drug seizures, of which most were opiate related.

Our Civil Process deputies serve documents from a number of legal agencies, state agencies, lawyers' offices and other entities. In 2016, the four deputies served 7,076 documents or legal papers to the citizens of Kennebec County.

During the past year, our Correctional Facility managed 3,212 inmates, 226 less than last year. 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. With the help from many members of the Kennebec County delegation, we were able to secure funding for the CARA (Criminogenic Addiction Recovery Academy) Program within the State biannual budget. CARA was delayed for several months because of the long delay in financing. We were still able to complete three CARA program courses helping 29 inmates with the treatment and recovery process.

Inmates at the Kennebec County Correctional Facility are asked to work and earn time off their sentences if applicable. Inmates who 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 \$451,077 bed day savings to the citizens of Kennebec County. Throughout 2016, inmates worked 10,069 community service hours, valued at approximately \$75,523. Our inmates raised 25,020 pounds of produce and gleaned 10,075 pounds of produce for the inmate kitchen, area food pantries, churches, homeless shelters, schools and elder programs in 2016.

Town Clerk's Report

Births Recorded in 2016: 28
Marriages Recorded in 2016: 31
Deaths Recorded in 2016: 28

In Memory of:

Llewellyn A. Ashland	May 28, 2016
Edmond N. Bernatchez	September 23, 2016
Bonnie L. Berube	March 12, 2016
Donald F. Bickford	May 23, 2016
Florence M. Carrell	December 20, 2016
Russell N. Dejong, Jr.	January 30, 2016
David J. Fast	March 19, 2016
Anna R. Final	January 21, 2016
William R. Gertloff, Jr.	December 8, 2016
Arlette J. Hatt	March 21, 2016
Constance M. Hawes	July 19, 2016
Van A. Johnson	September 7, 2016
Constance F. Keschl	March 23, 2016
Rhoda J. Kio	January 22, 2016
Annie T. Knight	June 5, 2016
Jay L. Lemelin	November 11, 2016
Marion D. Lord	June 23, 2016
Kendall R. Luce	March 27, 2016
Suzanne K. Mills	July 16, 2016
Derek S. Palange, Sr.	February 22, 2016
Joseph A. Poulin	November 3, 2016
George A. Roderigue	July 4, 2016
Ruth I. Shepherd	February 11, 2016
John G. Skinner	July 5, 2016
Susanne M. Stollenwerck	May 5, 2016
Gail M. Tillson	April 13, 2016
Peter O. Tukey	December 7, 2016
Muriel B. Wadleigh	March 31, 2016

Licenses Issued for Inland Fisheries

Boats- 973	Spring/Fall Turkey- 19
ATV's- 153	Coyote- 8
Snowmobiles- 313	Muzzleloading- 11
Hunting licenses- 49	Lifetime- 2
Jr. Hunt- 13	Fishing- 150
Hunt/Fish Combo- 113	Migratory Waterfowl- 15
Archery- 15	Non-Resident ATV- 2
Expanded Archery- 3	Non-Resident Season Snowmobile-5
Superpack-4	Non-Resident 10 Day Snowmobile- 2
Small Game- 1	Non-Resident 7 day fish- 7
Bear- 4	Non-Resident Season fish- 60
	Non-Resident 15 day fish- 3

<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OUTSTANDING TAXES AMOUNT</u>
DONAHUE ANDREW T	2007	1,663.33 1,663.33
BEEDLE DUANE & JULIE	2013	25.67 25.67
BEEDLE DUANE	2014	498.28
HANNA VIKTORIA	2014	276.18 774.46
2 G'S TRANSPORTATION	2015	233.35
2 G'S TRANSPORTATION, INC	2015	459.37
AKJ ASSOCIATES	2015	3,851.87
ARDITO RALPH	2015	2,073.22
ASHLAND BRIAN & DORI	2015	702.23
AUGER MICHAEL C & VICTORIA	2015	177.20
BERUBE GERARD & BONNIE L	2015	1,027.92
BICKFORD THOMAS & PAULA	2015	1,416.78
BONNEFACE DARLENE	2015	631.20
BURGESS CHRIS J	2015	786.46
BURNHAM LYLE	2015	568.87
CAREY JASON J & CATHERINE	2015	382.16
CHILDS,GORDON	2015	960.11
CONANT, MELISSA ROSE	2015	883.33
CROSBY DONALD L	2015	1,657.73
CROSBY GORDON A	2015	41.09
CROSSLAND LINDA A	2015	486.04
DANFORTH VERONICA	2015	27.92
DESIMONE MICHAEL D	2015	377.95
DONAHUE ANDREW T	2015	2,094.83
EDERLE DOUGLAS TRUSTEE OF	2015	32,378.18
EDGECOMB PATRICIA	2015	77.53
ELLIS KIMBERLY J	2015	1,211.11
FINLEY MARTIN S JR	2015	667.56
FRANKLIN CAROL & COLIN	2015	2,259.08
FRANKLIN CAROL & COLIN J	2015	773.83
FRANKLIN COLIN & CAROL	2015	2,671.19
FRENCH FREDERICK E JR	2015	229.15
FRENCH GREGORY	2015	1,235.14
FRENCH HELEN	2015	1,060.21
GENOVAY JOHN J & BONNIE	2015	428.28
GERRIE MARY P	2015	465.60
GRANT JEFFREY R & MICHELE M	2015	1,176.72
GRANT SHAWN A	2015	3,056.45
GREEN WAYNE	2015	281.08
HANNA VIKTORIA	2015	268.45
HEALY LINDA	2015	2,326.46
JABAR JOHN P JR	2015	177.20
JABAR JOHN P JR	2015	22,212.52
KADNAR KEITH J & STEPHANIE S	2015	2,118.60
KELLEY JEANNE	2015	117.10

KROLAK JOSEPH A	2015	1,679.29
LAFRENIERE STEPHEN M	2015	672.75
MAHI KATHRYN G & BLAINE	2015	2,076.03
MARSHALL GILBERT	2015	124.05
MEGILL MARK	2015	287.05
MILLETT TINA	2015	748.56
NUTTER, WILLIAM C.	2015	2,013.40
PEPPER DAVID	2015	365.31
PEPPER DAVID E.	2015	650.29
PEPPER DAVID E.	2015	1,375.72
PUPPA DAREN & MARGARET	2015	33,392.59
RHOADES, LEANNE	2015	122.46
ROSE KELLY	2015	1,586.64
SKEEL RICHARD D	2015	985.49
SOPER RUSSELL	2015	1,029.33
ST PIERRE STACY	2015	2,961.85
STANDER, H. JOHN	2015	2,684.43
STILPHEN BRENDA M *	2015	1,644.80
STRATTON HAL	2015	231.95
STRATTON HAL	2015	119.65
STRATTON HAL M & GAYLE L	2015	1,463.10
STUART JOHN & VERA	2015	2,122.90
STUART JOHN & VERA	2015	1,915.99
SWEENEY RICHARD EDWARD	2015	432.14
SWEET PEA COTTAGE LLC	2015	2,734.97
TRIPP, JOEL WING	2015	149.12
TRIPP, JOEL WING	2015	116.84
TUKEY COLLEEN	2015	1,248.32
URIARTE MARCIA C	2015	4,037.72
VIOLETTE RANDY & CHRISTINE	2015	3,067.68
VOGEL, DARREN	2015	208.08
WASSERMAN ROBERT F	2015	111.22
WEBSTER JAMISON	2015	564.66
WEBSTER JOHN G & SANDRA	2015	3,156.12
WILSON BETTY	2015	1,755.96
WOOD HARVEY & JOYCE	2015	2,417.71
		174,285.24
WRIGHT CHESTER D & KAREN S	2015	839.81
2 G'S TRANSPORTATION, INC	2016	176.40
2 G'S TRANSPORTATION, INC	2016	401.80
2 G's TRANSPORTATION, INC.	2016	371.00
AKJ ASSOCIATES	2016	3,798.20
ALEXANDER KEITH	2016	1,272.60
ALTER FRANCIS M & MARGARET H	2016	4,093.60
ARDITO RALPH	2016	2,017.40
ASHLAND BRIAN & DORI	2016	644.00
ASHLAND LLEWELLYN A	2016	1,925.25
ATKINS DIANNE	2016	954.80
AUGER MICHAEL C & VICTORIA	2016	120.40
BACHELDER, WALTER ROGER III	2016	263.60
BAILLIE ELIZABETH	2016	2.68
BAILLIE ALAN	2016	2,931.60
BAKER CHRISTINE M*	2016	2,687.92

BAKER JAMES H & KIMBERLY	2016	624.40
BALLARD GLEE C	2016	1,877.40
BARCLAY BARRY & TRUDY	2016	749.58
BARCLAY BARRY & TRUDY	2016	2,966.60
BARROWS FREEMAN JR	2016	975.80
BEARCE JEFFREY & JOANNA	2016	1,716.40
BEAUCAGE TIMOTHY & LORI *	2016	1,587.60
BEEDLE DUANE	2016	441.00
BELGRADE LAKES SUMMER CAMPS	2016	15,307.60
BELGRADE LAKES SUMMER CAMPS	2016	107.80
BELGRADE LAKES SUMMER CAMPS	2016	1,841.00
BELL, MATTE JUDY TRUSTEE	2016	36.40
BERUBE GERARD & BONNIE L	2016	904.40
BICKFORD THOMAS & PAULA	2016	1,296.40
BISCHOFF GERALD H & CAROL A	2016	1,096.89
BONNEFACE DARLENE	2016	554.40
BOOKER, SHERWOOD	2016	998.20
BORMAN MEGAN P *	2016	3,113.60
BRAGG, DARYL	2016	242.20
BRETON FOREST	2016	719.60
BROCHU GERALD R JR & CHANTAL M	2016	1,618.40
BROWN CAMP LLC	2016	3,813.60
BROZ MEGAN MARIE *	2016	761.60
BURCH KATHRYN	2016	1,731.80
BUREAU KENNETH E & DORNA R	2016	2,828.00
BUREAU, DENNIS	2016	42.00
BURGESS CHRIS J	2016	659.40
BURNHAM LYLE	2016	442.40
CAMDEN NATIONAL BANK	2016	3,024.00
CAMDEN NATIONAL BANK	2016	1,726.20
CAREY JAMES JEFFREY	2016	2,962.40
CAREY JASON J & CATHERINE	2016	324.80
CAVANAGH ELLYN	2016	1,026.20
CHAPUT, CHRISTINA	2016	145.60
CHILDS, GORDON	2016	1,206.80
CIFORELLI ROBERT	2016	2,493.40
CLARK DOUGLAS & KATHERINE	2016	53.27
COCHRAN MARION	2016	291.20
COLE EDWARD F & ELIZABETH R	2016	1,712.20
CONANT, MELISSA ROSE	2016	746.20
COON TIMOTHY P & PHYLLIS	2016	7,919.80
COTE HENRY R & CAROL A	2016	1,199.82
COULOMBE AMANDA S	2016	10,864.00
CROSBY DONALD L	2016	1,573.60
CROSBY GORDON A	2016	278.60
CROSSLAND LINDA A	2016	429.80
DAMON JEFFREY	2016	588.00
DANFORTH VERONICA	2016	606.20
DESIMONE MICHAEL D	2016	320.60
DEXTER PATRICK VERNON	2016	2,130.80
DICKEY DENNIS R	2016	412.60
DIPIETRO EVERETT A	2016	1,619.80
DONAHUE ANDREW T	2016	2,035.60
DULAC PAULA B & E.S.	2016	5,297.80

EAST-WEST TRUST	2016	317.80
EDERLE DOUGLAS TRUSTEE OF	2016	32,447.80
EDGEComb PATRICIA	2016	21.00
ELLIS BEVERLY & DIANA	2016	15.40
ELLIS DIANA	2016	134.40
ELLIS KIMBERLY J	2016	1,108.80
EMMONS DEAN R.	2016	345.80
ENGEL JOHN S	2016	1.36
ERMATINGER TIMOTHY C	2016	981.40
ERVIN, KATHERINE	2016	1,374.80
FARINA JOHN P	2016	2,000.00
FARRIS CAROL & EARL	2016	681.80
FARRIS CAROL & EARL	2016	322.00
FARRIS CAROL & EARL	2016	310.80
FARRIS CAROL & EARL	2016	312.20
FARRIS CAROL & EARL	2016	315.00
FARRIS CAROL & EARL	2016	316.40
FARRIS CAROL & EARL	2016	351.40
FARRIS JACQUELINE L	2016	315.00
FAUCHER, JEFFREY J.	2016	1,323.00
FELDBOUSE WALTER B	2016	2,013.20
FELDMUS AARON	2016	1,477.00
FINLEY MARTIN S JR	2016	781.20
FIRTH SARAH & GETTY WILLIAM	2016	37.17
FISCHER KEITH J & DONNA A	2016	1,101.00
FISHER TIMOTHY & KAREN	2016	2.54
FLUET RONALD G	2016	3,273.20
FRANKLIN CAROL & COLIN	2016	2,210.60
FRANKLIN CAROL & COLIN J	2016	718.20
FRANKLIN COLIN & CAROL	2016	3,215.80
FRENCH FREDERICK E JR	2016	172.20
FRENCH GAIL & FRED E SR	2016	872.20
FRENCH GREGORY	2016	1,106.00
FRENCH HELEN	2016	1,005.20
FROST DAVID & SHARON *	2016	120.40
FULLING TAMMY & NATHANIEL	2016	2,937.20
GAGNON, CHARLES & LINDA M	2016	767.19
GARDNER JEANETTE F & NEIL L	2016	1,958.61
GARDNER JEANETTE F & NEIL L	2016	163.80
GERRIE MARY P	2016	441.00
GIROUARD CHRISTOPHER M	2016	3,389.40
GIROUARD SUSAN A	2016	3,903.20
GRANT JEFFREY R & MICHELE M	2016	1,054.20
GRANT SHAWN A	2016	3,010.00
GRAY CAMP LLC	2016	3,508.40
GREEN WAYNE	2016	217.00
GRIMM DAVID R	2016	2,275.00
HALE LINDA *	2016	162.53
HAMMOND, CLIFTON	2016	266.00
HANNA VIKTORIA	2016	211.40
HARTLEY COLBY & JESSICA HARTLEY	2016	324.80
HASKELL JEAN & JOHN	2016	340.00
HEALY LINDA	2016	2,209.20
HICKEY FAMILY TRUST *	2016	5.49

HICKEY FAMILY TRUST *	2016	1.04
HOOPER LUCRETIA	2016	1,036.00
HSBC BANK USA. NATIONAL	2016	2,157.40
HUBBARD HARRIET F	2016	2,483.61
JABAR JOHN P JR	2016	120.40
JABAR JOHN P JR	2016	22,230.60
JABAR JOSEPH M JR	2016	1,558.20
JAGGER ALLAN D	2016	4,949.00
JORDAAN, JOHANNES H	2016	676.20
JOSEPH ROSALIND	2016	389.20
KADNAR KEITH J & STEPHANIE S	2016	2,398.20
KELLEY JEANNE	2016	84.00
KFAR CAMPING CO., INC *	2016	0.57
KFAR CAMPING COMPANY INC. *	2016	40.13
KING TINA	2016	3,799.60
KING, TINA	2016	194.60
KROLAK JOSEPH A	2016	1,559.60
LABUN-MICHAUD ANGELIQUE S	2016	3,690.40
LAFLAMME MONIQUE	2016	2,525.60
LAFRENIERE GARY L & JEAN E *	2016	1,016.64
LAFRENIERE STEPHEN M	2016	614.60
LAGRANGE DAVID B.	2016	256.20
LANDRY LINDA L	2016	1,570.62
LANGUET JON A	2016	14.14
LAVALLEE CRISTINA LAUDIE CHAPUT	2016	900.20
LAVENSON JOEL S & CRISTA C	2016	9,303.00
LEMELIN JIMM R SR & EILEEN	2016	611.80
LEONHARDT ROBERT L TRUSTEE	2016	5,322.80
LEWIS THOMAS SANDRA & JOSEPH	2016	1,432.20
LIBBY STEVEN & MAE	2016	907.20
LISTER ROBERT M	2016	562.02
LITTLE ROSEMARIE	2016	1,439.20
LOG CABIN LLC *	2016	4,827.20
LOMBA ADAM LYNCH SCOTT	2016	2,132.20
LORD CHARLES H & COLETTE E	2016	2.86
LYNCH NATALIE MARY	2016	2,016.00
MACGOVERN ROBERT & TAMMY	2016	155.40
MADDIX, DONNA	2016	1,023.40
MADOLE HARRY & JANICE	2016	2,011.47
MAHEU SUZANNE D	2016	2,566.20
MAHEU, TRICIA I.	2016	190.40
MAHEU, TRICIA I.	2016	422.80
MAHI KATHRYN G & BLAINE	2016	2,020.20
MAINE CENTRAL RAILROAD *	2016	799.40
MALLON JEFFREY	2016	4,695.60
MANNING ROBERT E *	2016	6,881.00
MANNING ROBERT E *	2016	172.20
MARKHAM TRACY L	2016	1,323.00
MARSHALL GILBERT	2016	86.80
McBRIDE SONYA S & PATRICK F	2016	2,259.60
MCCRAY KEITH A & DONNA L	2016	38.79
MCKAY JACK & CRYSTAL	2016	1,442.51
MEADE C LANNY	2016	2,920.40
MEGILL MARK	2016	1,104.60

MERITT, WESLEY O	2016	603.40
MERROW EUGENE B & ANITA	2016	190.40
MERROW EUGENE B & ANITA	2016	131.60
MERROW MICHAEL J & CARRIE	2016	1,660.94
MEYERS HARRY M III & EUGENE L	2016	899.42
MILLETT TINA	2016	686.00
MONK BETH	2016	162.40
MOORE BARBARA & STANLEY B JR	2016	3,441.20
MORIN HOLLY REBEKAH	2016	695.80
MORIN HOLLY REBEKAH	2016	196.00
MORRISON EUGENE W	2016	534.80
MORRISON, BENJAMIN JACOB	2016	1,992.01
MULLEN EARL I & ALICE R	2016	3,931.20
NASLUND RAYMOND JR	2016	2,246.20
NUTTER, WILLIAM C.	2016	1,892.80
OSBORNE GARY M & AMY S	2016	3,856.27
PARKER JAMES & JOANNE	2016	53.83
PARKER MICHAEL E & JEANNETTE Y	2016	1,786.00
PARSONS M H	2016	4.11
PECK JOSEPH & DARCI E	2016	6.67
PELLETIER ROGER & THERESA	2016	1,071.00
PEPPER DAVID	2016	308.00
PEPPER DAVID E.	2016	630.00
PEPPER DAVID E.	2016	3,108.00
PEPPER, KENDAL P.	2016	85.40
PERRY MARK E *	2016	3,096.80
PETERSON, KEITH R.	2016	233.80
POULIN CATHLEEN L	2016	1,681.40
POULIN EDWIN & JUNE *	2016	20.47
POULIN EDWIN J & JUNE M *	2016	4.21
PRENTICE E MILES II & KATHARINE C	2016	284.20
PUPPA DAREN & MARGARET	2016	120.40
PUPPA DAREN & MARGARET	2016	33,479.60
RACKLIFF NELSON F	2016	1,594.60
RHEIN KEVIN D & PAMELA K *	2016	1,395.80
RHOADES, LEANNE	2016	65.80
ROCKWOOD SHORES AT BELGRADE	2016	278.60
ROGUE ENTERPRISES LLC	2016	2,654.40
ROGUE ENTERPRISES LLC	2016	2,970.80
ROSE KELLY	2016	1,534.40
RUF BERNARD E & NANCY A*	2016	1,729.00
RUF BERNARD E & NANCY A*	2016	308.00
SAUCIER JAMES	2016	3,410.40
SAWYER CARROLL	2016	58.80
SAWYER CARROLL	2016	515.20
SEITZ HAROLD F & LOUISE R	2016	2,849.00
SERIO FRANK & PAMELA	2016	3,368.40
SHERWOOD SYLVIA M	2016	281.40
SHIRLEY & LAMBERT ASSOCIATES,	2016	2,962.40
SHUMAN LILLIAN	2016	176.40
SKEEL RICHARD D	2016	2,441.60
SOPER RUSSELL	2016	963.20
SOUCY CAROL L	2016	753.86

ST PIERRE STACY	2016	2,843.40
STANDER, H. JOHN	2016	2,637.60
STANFORD SUSAN	2016	306.60
STEINBERG ROBERT J & ANN	2016	2,165.80
STETSON GEORGE A III (ET AL)	2016	886.36
STEVENS ORMAND	2016	901.60
STEVENS ORMAND	2016	23.80
STILPHEN BRENDA M	2016	3,465.00
STOOPS RICK L & SHARON K	2016	310.80
STRATTON HAL	2016	168.00
STRATTON HAL	2016	63.00
STRATTON HAL M & GAYLE L	2016	1,411.20
STUART JOHN & VERA	2016	2,074.80
STUART JOHN & VERA	2016	1,859.20
SWEENEY RICHARD EDWARD	2016	4,333.00
SWEET PEA COTTAGE LLC	2016	2,678.20
TARDIF LIONEL M	2016	4,919.60
TERHUNE CREIGHTON A & BARBARA	2016	6,764.80
*		
TERHUNE SUSAN	2016	862.54
THOMAS PAUL D & STACEY A *	2016	3.29
TILLEY OSMER R III	2016	2,063.60
TILLSON GAIL M	2016	878.12
TORCHIA JASON J	2016	386.40
TRIPP, JOEL WING	2016	92.40
TRIPP, JOEL WING	2016	60.20
TUKEY COLLEEN	2016	1,125.60
URIARTE MARCIA C	2016	3,974.60
VINTINNER RALPH & MICHELLE	2016	3,647.00
VIOLETTE CHRISTINE V	2016	412.74
VOGEL, DARREN	2016	151.20
WALL KATHLEEN R	2016	35.00
WASSERMAN, MARCIA S. TRUSTEE	2016	54.60
WEBSTER JAMISON	2016	443.80
WEBSTER JOHN G & SANDRA	2016	3,029.60
WEIR RICHARD A & DELZA P	2016	627.75
WHITE BARRY M & ERICA L	2016	3,561.60
WILLMATT COMPANY LLC	2016	197.40
WILSON BETTY	2016	1,698.20
WILSON ROBERT W & DONNA L	2016	1,423.80
WOOD HARVEY & JOYCE	2016	2,356.20
WORTHING JACKIE	2016	1,029.00
WOYTOWICZ JOHN M	2016	2,626.06
WRIGHT CHESTER D & KAREN S	2016	782.60
ZAMBELLI STEPHEN V & BARBARA E	2016	1,226.85
ZOZULA ROBERT B & MARYANN	2016	5,591.60
		499,289.21

**TOTAL OUTSTANDING OF ALL
YEARS**

676,037.91

* Paid in full after 12/31/2016



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February 3, 2017

Board of Selectmen
Town of Belgrade, Maine
Belgrade, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Belgrade and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Belgrade as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2016 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, is available for inspection at the Town Office.

Included herein are:

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Combining Balance Sheet – Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule B
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule C

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SCHEDULE 1

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1, Restated	\$ 1,545,598	\$ 1,545,598	\$ 1,545,598	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Property taxes	7,806,849	7,806,849	7,763,334	(43,515)
Excise taxes	683,250	683,250	830,819	147,569
Intergovernmental:				
State revenue sharing	101,000	101,000	97,030	(3,970)
Homestead exemption	93,550	93,550	88,959	(4,591)
Local road assistance	44,425	44,425	44,542	117
Tree growth	14,338	14,338	15,473	1,135
BETE reimbursement	15,980	15,980	15,773	(207)
Other	4,400	6,737	14,101	7,364
Interest income	3,000	3,000	7,133	4,133
Interest on taxes/lien costs	30,000	30,000	30,563	563
Charges for services	160,664	167,267	212,808	45,541
Tax acquired property sale	-	-	28,816	28,816
Other revenues	-	-	34,206	34,206
Proceeds from loan issuance	-	785,087	785,087	-
Transfers from other funds	116,874	116,874	181,849	64,975
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>10,619,928</u>	<u>11,413,955</u>	<u>11,696,091</u>	<u>282,136</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
Current:				
General government	500,724	500,724	483,399	17,325
Public safety	301,820	283,326	276,961	6,365
Public works	1,062,139	1,847,226	1,759,073	88,153
Health and sanitation	313,188	313,188	292,605	20,583
Recreation and culture	244,481	246,818	224,824	21,994
Education	5,842,704	5,842,704	5,842,704	-
County tax	602,240	602,240	602,240	-
Unclassified	35,604	35,604	7,724	27,880
Debt service:				
Principal	73,049	136,627	136,626	1
Interest	44,968	44,748	36,557	8,191
Capital outlay	47,000	47,000	34,304	12,696
Transfers to other funds	66,413	253,672	253,622	50
Total Charges to Appropriation	<u>9,134,330</u>	<u>10,153,877</u>	<u>9,950,639</u>	<u>203,238</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 1,485,598</u>	<u>\$ 1,260,078</u>	<u>\$ 1,745,452</u>	<u>\$ 485,374</u>
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	<u>\$ 60,000</u>	<u>\$ 285,520</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (285,520)</u>
	<u>\$ 60,000</u>	<u>\$ 285,520</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (285,520)</u>

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TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2015

	General Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,268,032	\$ 65,624	\$ 2,333,656
Investments	-	1,100,290	1,100,290
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	500,240	-	500,240
Liens	167,238	-	167,238
Other	305	-	305
Due from other governments	746	2,700	3,446
Prepaid items	13,994	-	13,994
Due from other funds	-	558,593	558,593
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,950,555	\$ 1,727,207	\$ 4,677,762
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 64,419	\$ -	\$ 64,419
Accrued expenses	11,557	-	11,557
Due to other governments	202	-	202
Due to other funds	507,694	50,899	558,593
TOTAL LIABILITIES	583,872	50,899	634,771
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	22,308	-	22,308
Advanced payment of LRAP funding	22,214	-	22,214
Deferred revenue	576,709	-	576,709
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	621,231	-	621,231
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	-	271,816	271,816
Restricted	-	843,199	843,199
Committed	-	-	-
Assigned	32,691	561,293	593,984
Unassigned	1,712,761	-	1,712,761
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	1,745,452	1,676,308	3,421,760
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 2,950,555	\$ 1,727,207	\$ 4,677,762

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STATEMENT E

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	General Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property taxes	\$ 7,763,334	\$ -	\$ 7,763,334
Excise taxes	830,819	-	830,819
Intergovernmental	275,878	17,302	293,180
Interest income	7,133	78,903	86,036
Charges for services	212,808	-	212,808
Other	93,585	11,877	105,462
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>9,183,557</u>	<u>108,082</u>	<u>9,291,639</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	483,399	-	483,399
Public safety	276,961	-	276,961
Public works	1,759,073	-	1,759,073
Health and sanitation	292,605	-	292,605
Recreation and culture	224,824	-	224,824
Education	5,842,704	-	5,842,704
County tax	602,240	-	602,240
Unclassified	7,724	30,706	38,430
Debt service:			
Principal	136,626	-	136,626
Interest	36,557	-	36,557
Capital outlay	34,304	828,999	863,303
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>9,697,017</u>	<u>859,705</u>	<u>10,556,722</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES			
	<u>(513,460)</u>	<u>(751,623)</u>	<u>(1,265,083)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Proceeds from loan issuance	785,087	-	785,087
Transfers in	181,849	253,622	435,471
Transfers (out)	(253,622)	(181,849)	(435,471)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>713,314</u>	<u>71,773</u>	<u>785,087</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	199,854	(679,850)	(479,996)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1, RESTATED	<u>1,545,598</u>	<u>2,356,158</u>	<u>3,901,756</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 1,745,452</u>	<u>\$ 1,676,308</u>	<u>\$ 3,421,760</u>

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SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Selectpersons	\$ 16,455	\$ -	\$ 16,455	\$ 10,417	\$ 6,038
Appeals Board	2,811	-	2,811	399	2,412
Adminstration	300,345	-	300,345	302,134	(1,789)
Town Manager	84,879	-	84,879	81,781	3,098
Assessing	22,200	-	22,200	23,000	(800)
Planning Board	7,133	-	7,133	3,926	3,207
LRPC	7,976	-	7,976	7,641	335
Elections	6,525	-	6,525	6,293	232
Historian	400	-	400	-	400
Benefits	52,000	-	52,000	47,808	4,192
	<u>500,724</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>500,724</u>	<u>483,399</u>	<u>17,325</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY					
EMA	320	-	320	40	280
Public safety	780	-	780	740	40
Fire/rescue departments	256,744	(27,057)	229,687	229,835	(148)
Rescue squad	-	1,960	1,960	1,961	(1)
Code enforcement	23,013	-	23,013	19,894	3,119
Street light	9,000	-	9,000	7,982	1,018
Animal control	11,513	-	11,513	10,406	1,107
Health officer	450	-	450	400	50
LPI	-	6,603	6,603	5,703	900
	<u>301,820</u>	<u>(18,494)</u>	<u>283,326</u>	<u>276,961</u>	<u>6,365</u>
PUBLIC WORKS					
Roads	115,000	-	115,000	88,407	26,593
Plowing & sanding	354,600	-	354,600	297,084	57,516
Cemetery	-	-	-	-	-
Closure	-	-	-	-	-
Facility maintenance	65,323	-	65,323	76,904	(11,581)
Paving	460,000	785,087	1,245,087	1,245,087	-
Cemetery	67,216	-	67,216	51,591	15,625
	<u>1,062,139</u>	<u>785,087</u>	<u>1,847,226</u>	<u>1,759,073</u>	<u>88,153</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
HEALTH AND SANITATION					
Solid waste	256,897	-	256,897	239,180	17,717
Social services	1,300	-	1,300	1,402	
General assistance	6,450	-	6,450	3,482	2,968
Special requests	48,541	-	48,541	48,541	-
Bear river water shed study	-	-	-	-	-
Sunday River water shed	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>313,188</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>313,188</u>	<u>292,605</u>	<u>20,685</u>
RECREATION & CULTURE					
Recreation	190,404	-	190,404	166,800	23,604
Library	54,077	-	54,077	55,687	
Snowmobile	-	2,337	2,337	2,337	-
	<u>244,481</u>	<u>2,337</u>	<u>246,818</u>	<u>224,824</u>	<u>23,604</u>
EDUCATION					
	<u>5,842,704</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,842,704</u>	<u>5,842,704</u>	<u>-</u>
COUNTY TAX					
	<u>602,240</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>602,240</u>	<u>602,240</u>	<u>-</u>
DEBT SERVICE					
Principal	73,049	63,578	136,627	136,626	1
Interest	44,968	(220)	44,748	36,557	8,191
	<u>118,017</u>	<u>63,358</u>	<u>181,375</u>	<u>173,183</u>	<u>8,192</u>
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
	<u>47,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,000</u>	<u>34,304</u>	<u>12,696</u>
UNCLASSIFIED					
Intergovernmental - gov't dams	3,087	-	3,087	3,087	-
Overlay	32,517	-	32,517	4,637	27,880
	<u>35,604</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,604</u>	<u>7,724</u>	<u>27,880</u>
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS					
Capital projects funds	66,413	187,259	253,672	253,622	50
	<u>66,413</u>	<u>187,259</u>	<u>253,672</u>	<u>253,622</u>	<u>50</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 9,134,330</u>	<u>\$ 1,019,547</u>	<u>\$ 10,153,877</u>	<u>\$ 9,950,639</u>	<u>\$ 204,950</u>

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TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,624	\$ 65,624
Investments	-	-	1,100,290	1,100,290
Due from other governments	-	2,700	-	2,700
Due from other funds	59,460	499,133	-	558,593
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 59,460	\$ 501,833	\$ 1,165,914	\$ 1,727,207
LIABILITIES				
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,899	\$ 50,899
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	-	50,899	50,899
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable - principal	-	-	271,816	271,816
Restricted	-	-	843,199	843,199
Assigned	59,460	501,833	-	561,293
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	59,460	501,833	1,115,015	1,676,308
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 59,460	\$ 501,833	\$ 1,165,914	\$ 1,727,207

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SCHEDULE C

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental income	\$ -	\$ 2,700	\$ 76,203	\$ 78,903
Charges for services	17,302	-	-	17,302
Other income	10,277	-	1,600	11,877
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>27,579</u>	<u>2,700</u>	<u>77,803</u>	<u>108,082</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Capital outlay	-	828,999	-	828,999
Other	16,160	-	14,546	30,706
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>16,160</u>	<u>828,999</u>	<u>14,546</u>	<u>859,705</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>11,419</u>	<u>(826,299)</u>	<u>63,257</u>	<u>(751,623)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	253,622	-	253,622
Transfers (out)	-	(124,995)	(56,854)	(181,849)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>-</u>	<u>128,627</u>	<u>(56,854)</u>	<u>71,773</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	11,419	(697,672)	6,403	(679,850)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1, RESTATED	<u>48,041</u>	<u>1,199,505</u>	<u>1,108,612</u>	<u>2,356,158</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 59,460</u>	<u>\$ 501,833</u>	<u>\$ 1,115,015</u>	<u>\$ 1,676,308</u>

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Perpetuity Articles

1946, Article 50: To see if the town will vote to waive in its annual report an itemized list of receipts and disbursements said vote to stand effective until revoked at a regular Town Meeting.

1990, Article 14: To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectpersons to sell and convey property acquired through tax lien foreclosure in the following manner. A sealed bid process will be utilized, Bids will be opened in public at an announced time and place. The Board will retain the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Notice of such sales will be posted at least ten days in advance of the bid opening. Delinquent taxpayers will have the right to retain ownership of their properties at any time prior to acceptance of a bid by paying all taxes, interest, tax lien and administrative charges that are due. The authorization is to remain in effect until changed by a subsequent Town vote.

1999, Article 66: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectpersons or their designee to enter into contracts on behalf of the Town for the rental of the new Recreational Facility, adopt a fee schedule, and set up and maintain reasonable rules and regulations. This shall remain in effect until repealed or modified by a town meeting or referendum vote.

2008, Article 13: To, as Trustees for the Town of Belgrade, if necessary, spend money from reserve accounts for a project or item falling within the scope of those accounts to meet unanticipated expenses. This authorization to remain in effect until changed by a future vote by the Town of Belgrade.

2009, Article 52: To see if the Town will continue to allow Troop #453, Belgrade Boy Scouts of America and Belgrade Girl Scouts to promote recycling, by bundling used newsprint for shipment on Town property, and to authorize the payment from these revenues to Boy Scout Troop #453 and Belgrade Girl Scouts, in support of their programs and activities. To the extent that any such bundling and shipping is done in collaboration with other Town recycling efforts, Troop #453 and Belgrade Girl Scouts shall compensate the Town for its pro rata share of related expenses. This article will remain in effect, until changed by a vote of a future town meeting.

2010, Article 18: To see if the Town will act upon the following issues:

- Vote to accept donations and grants to support all municipal facilities, operations and programs over and above what has been raised and appropriated.
- Vote to accept FEMA and insurance claim proceeds to offset actual expenses.
- Vote to authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to accept pre-payment of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §506, with no payment of interest by the Town.
- To sell and convey tax acquired property, real estate, or personal property belonging to the Town to the highest acceptable bidder submitting sealed competitive bids to be opened in public at an announced time, or in any other manner the Board determines to be in the best interest of the Town. (Pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A. §1074).
- To authorize the Board of Selectpersons to expend money from the municipal overlay to provide property tax abatements.
- This article to remain in effect, until changed by a vote of a future town meeting

2010, Article 46: To see if the Town will agree to allocate the State Snowmobile Registration reimbursements for use in maintaining snowmobile trails. This article will remain in effect, until changed by a vote of a future town meeting.

2011, Article 34: To see if the Town will agree to the following:

- Place all unspent Recreational funds into/or draw any revenue short fall from the Recreation Capital Reserve Account.
- Place all unspent Library funds into the Library Capital Reserve Account.
- Authorize the Library Board of Trustees to conduct fundraising to support the capital and/or operating and programming costs for the Belgrade Public Library and appropriate those funds to be used for those purposes by the Trustees. Funds generated by the Trustees through fundraising activities shall be separately accounted for by the town treasurer and any balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried forward to be used for similar library expenditures in subsequent years. If approved, this article shall remain in effect until changed by a vote of a future town meeting.

2012, Article 40: To see if the Town will agree to the following:

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

2013, Article 19: To see if the Town will use 50 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.

2013, 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.

**TOWN OF BELGRADE
2017 TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

STATE OF MAINE
Kennebec, S.S.

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

Greetings:

In the name of the State, you are hereby required to notify and warn inhabitants of the Town of Belgrade, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Belgrade Town Office, in said Town, Friday March 17, 2017 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 11. 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 18, 2017, at 1:00 p.m., to act on Article 12 to the end of the Warrant. In the event of inclement weather, a date of Monday, March 20, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., has been set, with the inhabitants of the Town of Belgrade to assemble and act on Article 12 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 Selectperson-one 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 appropriate the sum of \$155,551 to support the Recreation Department?

2016 Budget: \$176,304 2017 Request: \$155,551

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

(ARTICLE 4) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 58,370 to support the Library budget?

2016 Budget: \$54,077 2017 Request: \$58,370

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

(ARTICLE 5) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town of Belgrade amend the "Commercial Development Review Ordinance" as proposed in the document entitled "March 2017 Amendments to the Town of Belgrade Commercial Development Review Ordinance"?

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

SPECIAL REQUESTS

(ARTICLE 6) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to support the Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area?

2016 Budget: \$1,500 2017 Request: \$1,500

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(ARTICLE 7) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,041 to support Central Maine Area on Aging; AKA-Spectrum Generations?

2016 Budget: \$2,041 2017 Request: \$2,041

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

(ARTICLE 8) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support Literacy Volunteers?

2016 Budget: \$0 2017 Request: \$1,000

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

(ARTICLE 9) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$40,000 for lake water quality programs, including erosion control and invasive plant (milfoil) prevention and removal, operated by the following non-profit organizations:

Belgrade Lakes Association- Great Pond milfoil removal	\$16,000
Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance-Courtesy Boat Inspection, Youth Conservation Corps	\$ 8,400
Friends of Messalonskee- Belgrade Stream milfoil removal	\$13,100
McGrath Pond-Salmon Lake Association- Courtesy Boat Inspection, Youth Conservation Corps, Port-O-Let	\$ 2,500
Total Article:	\$40,000

2016 Request: \$0 2017 Request: \$40,000

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

(ARTICLE 10) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following special request: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 to support the Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group's 4th of July fireworks with a set rain date for July 5th?

2016 Budget: \$4,500 2017 Request: \$4,500

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

UNCLASSIFIED

(ARTICLE 11) To see if the Town will vote, by secret ballot, to accept a conditional gift of funds from the Friends of Belgrade Lakes Village, a nonprofit corporation, for the purpose of funding sidewalks and pedestrian lighting for the 2018 road construction of Route 27 (Maine DOT Highway Reconstruction Project #018253.00) in the amount of approximately \$495,873, to accept additional funds in the future for necessary maintenance of such improvements, to establish a Route 27 Enhancement Escrow account to hold these donated funds, and to appropriate and spend such funds for the purposes described herein.

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

(ARTICLE 12) 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 2017 between January 1, 2018 and the date of the regular 2018 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 8, 2017 as the date that the 2017 property taxes are due, and charge interest at the rate of 4% per annum on taxes paid after September 8, 2017, 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: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(ARTICLE 13) To see if the Town will appropriate revenues from the following sources in 2017 to reduce the 2017 Property Tax Commitment:

	<u>2017 Proposed</u>
Vehicle Excise Tax	\$700,000
License/Permit Fees	6,000
Town Fees	18,000
Interest & Cost Fees	30,000
Cable Franchise Fees	43,000
Investment Income	3,000
Recreation Revenues	75,000
 Total	 \$875,000

2016 Budget: \$809,000 2017 Request: \$875,000

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(ARTICLE 14) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$469,276 to support the costs associated with municipal operations and administrative activities. Itemized requirements are as follows:

- Selectpersons: \$ 16,455
(Including Contingency Funds \$7,500)
 - Board of Appeals \$ 1,661
 - Administration: \$332,939
- (Town Office Operations, Maintenance, Admin Support, Wages & Benefits)
- Town Manager: \$ 75,775
 - Code Enforcement Officer \$ 31,218
 - Planning Board: \$ 4,303
 - Hearings/Elections: \$ 6,525
 - Town Historian \$ 400

Total Article: \$469,276

2016 Budget: \$476,294 2017 Request: \$469,276

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

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

(ARTICLE 15) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,892 to support the following Divisions of the Public Safety Department, with any unexpended balance from the Fire and Rescue Division to lapse back into the Fire and Rescue Department Reserve Account:

- Emergency Management Director \$ 320
- Fire & Rescue Department \$229,352
- Municipal Streetlights \$ 9,000
- Animal Control Officer \$ 11,770
- Health Officer \$ 450

Total Article: \$250,892

2016 Budget: \$268,357 2017 Request: \$250,892

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(ARTICLE 16) To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$50,000 to be placed into the Fire and Rescue Department Capital Reserve Account:

2016 Budget: \$0 2017 Request: \$50,000

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

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

Fire & Rescue Department Special Projects: \$20,000

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

(ARTICLE 18) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$56,671 from the Fire and Rescue Department Capital Reserve account for the fifth and final payment on two fire trucks.

2016 Budget: \$30,704 2017 Request: \$56,671

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

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

(ARTICLE 19) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$466,934 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: \$111,884
- Plowing & Sanding: \$233,820
- Sand & Salt: \$121,230

Total Article: \$466,934

2016 Budget: \$465,534 2017 Request: \$466,934

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

*****CEMETERIES*****

(ARTICLE 20) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$68,219 to support costs of operation and maintenance of Belgrade Cemeteries for 2017. Itemized requirements are as follows:

- Personnel Wages & Benefits \$46,484
- Services & Contracts \$ 4,700
- Supplies & Materials \$ 8,650
- Capital Outlay, land & Equipment \$ 7,500
- Unclassified \$ 885

Total Article: \$68,219

2016 Budget: \$67,216 2017 Request: \$ 68,219

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(ARTICLE 21) To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$2,500 and appropriate \$2,500 from the Cemetery Portfolio Interest for a total of \$5,000 to be placed into the Water Line Capital Reserve Account.

2016 Budget: \$ 2,500 2017 Request: \$5,000

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(ARTICLE 22) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed into a Plan 5 Capital Reserve Account for future surveying and construction of new cemetery lots.

2016 Budget: \$5000 2017 Request: \$5,000

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(ARTICLE 23) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed into a Facilities/Cemetery Truck Replacement Reserve Account for vehicle replacement.

2016 Budget: \$0 2017 Request: \$10,000

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(ARTICLE 24) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed into a Cemetery Equipment Replacement Reserve Account for equipment replacement.

2016 Budget: \$0 2017 Request: \$5,000

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

*****FACILITIES AND GROUNDS*****

(ARTICLE 25) To see if the Town will raise and/or appropriate the sum of \$157,119 to support Town Facility Maintenance:

2016 Budget: \$101,858 2017 Request: \$157,119

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

*****SOLID WASTE*****

(ARTICLE 26) To see if the Town will raise \$231,581 and appropriate \$20,000 from anticipated revenue from Solid Waste Operations for a total request of \$251,581. In addition, place \$5,000 of unspent funds into the Solid Waste Capital Reserve Account and/or any revenue short fall be taken from the Solid Waste Capital Reserve Account to cover the overage.

2016 Budget: \$253,047	2017 Request: Raise	\$231,581
	Appropriate	<u>\$ 20,000</u>
		\$251,581

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(ARTICLE 27) To see if the Town will authorize the following account to be carried forward to the current year:

Solid Waste Demolition Wood : \$10,000

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

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

(ARTICLE 28) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,995 as compensation and support for the following Social Service Divisions:

- Memorial Day: \$ 465
- July 4th \$ 265
- Holiday Stroll \$ 265
- Emergency Fuel Fund \$1,000

Total Article: \$1,995

2016 Budget: \$1,300 2017 Request: \$1,995

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(ARTICLE 29) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,450 as compensation and support for General Assistance.

2016 Budget: \$6,450 2017 Request: \$6,450

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

*****RECREATION*****

(ARTICLE 30) To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Parks & Recreation to conduct fundraising to support the capital and/or operating and programming costs for the Belgrade Recreation Department. Fundraising proceeds up to \$75,000 will be applied to the reduction of the taxes, and revenues above this amount to be placed in the Recreation Equipment and Repair Reserve.

2016 Budget: \$75,000 2017 Request: \$75,000

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

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

(ARTICLE 31) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,200 as Belgrade's share of 2017 operating/maintenance costs of the region's three dams – Belgrade Lakes, Wings Mills and Salmon Lake. Total projected cost in 2017 equals \$20,000 (Rome's share = \$5,400; Oakland's share = \$3,400).

2016 Budget: \$5,600 2017 Request: \$11,200

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

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

(ARTICLE 32) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$19,630 from the Public Works Road Maintenance and Paving Capital Reserve account for the fifth year payment on the Sand/Salt Shed, and appropriate \$30,704 from the Fire Department Capital Reserve account for the final payment of two fire trucks for a total sum \$50,334

2016 Budget: \$50,334 2017 Request: \$50,334

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(ARTICLE 33) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$49,893 for the second year payment on the new town office bond?

2016 Budget: \$49,483 2017 Request: \$49,893

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(ARTICLE 34) To see if the Town of Belgrade will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$399,911 for the first year payment of the Roads Capital Improvement bond?

2016 Budget: \$0.00 2017 Request: \$399,911

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(ARTICLE 35) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,200 to pay interest charges and costs associated with the Tax Anticipation Note in 2017.

2016 Budget: \$18,200 2017 Request: \$18,200

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

*****UNCLASSIFIED*****

(ARTICLE 36) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$79,980 to pay General Liability & Casualty, Workers Compensation, Unemployment and Health Reimbursement Administration Fees for municipal employees.

2016 Budget: \$52,000 2017 Request: \$79,980

Select persons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain 0

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

(ARTICLE 37) To see if the Town will authorize, designate or release the collective sum of \$15,175 as dictated by the following trusts and funds:

Authorize use of Don C Stevens Fund for the
Public Schools of Belgrade : \$ 15,175

Total Article: \$ 15,175

2016 Budget: \$16,310 2017 Request: \$15,175

Select persons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(ARTICLE 38) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the amount of \$473 and appropriate \$27 from the Don C. Stevens Fund for a total of \$500 to support an academic award from the Town to the highest ranking Belgrade senior graduating in 2017.

2016 Budget: \$500 2017 Request: \$500

Select persons Recommend: For: 3 Against: 1 Abstain: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

*****CONTINGENCY ARTICLES – CFAS & LIBRARY*****

CONTINGENCY ARTICLE (ARTICLE 39) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,981 to support the cost of salaries until March 31, 2017 for the Recreation Department. (Article 39 is required if Article 3 is defeated)

2016 Budget: \$24,000 2017 Request: \$32,981

Select persons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

CONTINGENCY ARTICLE (ARTICLE 40) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,735 to support the cost of salaries until March 31, 2017 for the library. (Article 40 is required if Article 4 is defeated.)

Select persons Recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Budget Committee Recommends: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

CONTINGENCY ARTICLE (ARTICLE 41) To see if the Town will appropriate from the general fund, boat excise tax collected in 2016 in the amount of \$9,950, and appropriate from the Water Quality Fund the amount of \$9,950 to support the Belgrade Resource Conservation Alliance for the total sum of \$19,900. This article amends a vote taken at the 2013 Town Meeting, Article #19. (Article 41 is will be voted on if Article 9 is defeated.)

2016 Request: \$40,000	2017 Boat Excise: \$9,950
Appropriate from Water Quality	9,950
Total Article	\$19,900

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

(ARTICLE 42) To see if the Town will vote to use funds generated from foreclosure sales to fund both the “Water Quality Improvement Fund” and create a “Town Facilities Capital Reserve Account”, 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. This article amends a vote taken at the 2013 Town Meeting, Article #21.

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

(ARTICLE 43) To see if the Town will vote to accept any unconditional gifts, unanticipated donations, or pass-through funds that may be provided by individual(s), business associations, charitable groups, or other organizations, which have not been listed in any of the previous articles, if the Select Board determines that the gift, donations, or pass-through funds and their purposes are in the best interest of the Town.

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

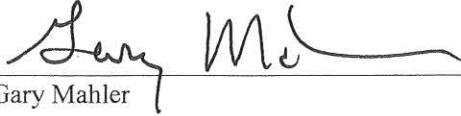
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Michael Barrett, Chairman



Richard Damren, Jr., Vice Chair

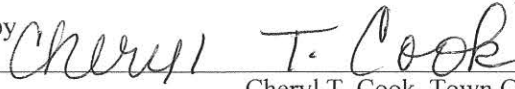


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