



TOWN OF BELGRADE ANNUAL TOWN REPORT



For the year ending December 31, 2021

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
Town Officers
Maines 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 2021

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The Town of Belgrade Dedication



Gary Robert Fuller

January 13, 1963 – September 18, 2021

The Town of Belgrade dedicates the 2021 annual report to Gary R. Fuller. Gary served the Town of Belgrade for 30 years as the Code Enforcement Officer. To date, Gary is the town's longest-serving employee. He had numerous certifications and extensive knowledge in building inspection, plumbing inspection and shoreland zoning codes. Gary began his career in 1986 as Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Augusta. After a successful 32-year career, he retired from the City of Augusta in 2018. While employed in Augusta, Gary worked evenings and weekends for the towns of Belgrade and Sidney. With roots and friendships in both towns, Gary continued to serve as both Belgrade's and Sidney's Code Enforcement Officer up until his passing in September 2021.

Gary, the son of Robert Fuller and Marilyn (Coan) Brown, stepson of William Brown, grew up in Sidney and graduated from Messalonskee High School in 1981. Gary became a resident of Belgrade in 1996 when he built the home where he and his wife, Ellen, would raise their three children. Gary was the proud father of Melissa, Amanda and Andrew, and grandfather of Clarice, Paxton, Emilia and Benjamin.

When he wasn't working as the town's code enforcement officer, Gary loved spending time with family and friends. Gary was an avid outdoorsman who had a passion for hunting and fishing, and proudly achieved his Master Maine Guide license. In his time away from work, Gary could be found helping his son-in-law build a garage, helping a family member move, or assisting a friend or family. Loyal and dependable, Gary would drop anything to help someone in need.

Gary loved Belgrade and the many citizens he served, cherishing the bonds he made over the years. He exhibited his dedication to the community, taking questions from town residents all days of the week and all hours of the day, or going on last-minute inspections to help a resident. Gary was a valued public servant who was well-respected for his vast knowledge, personal demeanor, and the courtesy with which he treated those seeking permits and/or advice.

Gary truly was a friend to all. He established and cultivated many long-lasting relationships through his work for the Town of Belgrade. Gary will forever be fondly remembered for his many contributions and lasting impact on the town of Belgrade.



From the Town of Belgrade:

Gary Fuller was one of us - a Belgrade resident and a colleague. His experience in code enforcement was unparalleled, his decades of public service valued, and his approach in working with citizens, contractors, and co-workers unfailingly helpful. Gary was always a congenial presence - quick with a quip and eager to share a laugh.

We who worked with him miss him.

2021 Town Report Memorials

Chance C. Carlson

Chance C. Carlson, loving husband, father, son and friend, passed away on February 16, 2021, at the age of 49. He is survived by his wife Leilani (Burns) Carlson and his two children, Grace and Evan.

Chance was born in Billings, Montana, to Penny L. (Adams) Carlson. He attended Billings Senior High School and graduated from Montana State University with a Master of Arts degree in Art Education. In 2007, Chance returned to his education and graduated from the University of Southern Maine with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

After moving to Belgrade in 2003, Chance worked as an art teacher in Livermore Falls. Later, as a registered nurse, he worked for MaineGeneral Health in Waterville and Augusta. Since 2010, Chance worked as a school nurse at the Belgrade Central School. His smile and wit will be missed by teachers and students alike.

Chance cherished his time spent with family and friends, and the beauty of the great outdoors. He was an artist, a craftsman, a storyteller and an excellent cook. He was always there to lend a helping hand and a bear hug to those in need, and he will be remembered for his big heart, keen sense of humor and kindness for all.



Peter McManus

Peter McManus was a long time resident of Belgrade Lakes and active in both the Belgrade Lakes Association and the Great Pond Yacht Club.

Although he was raised in New Jersey, Peter spent his entire life summering in Belgrade Lakes. Great Pond was a place where his parents met at their respective family camps – Hatchway camp and McManus camp. In 1985, Peter moved permanently to Belgrade Lakes, where he owned and lovingly restored the Forecastle Inn, now the Seven Lakes Inn. An avid windsurfer, Peter also owned a windsurfing shop, the Sail Shop, in the village. He also was a sea captain and sailed multiple boats from Maine to Florida and the Caribbean. Peter served 25 years on the Belgrade Lakes Association board.

Peter had many hobbies, including refurbishing sailboats, water and snow skiing, and doing puzzles. He enjoyed going to Day's Store for doughnuts.



Above all, Peter loved to sail and was instrumental in founding the Great Pond Yacht Club, which he served as its race director. Peter was an avid sailor and shared his passion with countless people, always lending a hand, offering advice, and taking would-be-sailors out on the lake on his Minuet to show them the ropes. He often traveled with his Belgrade Lakes friends in search of the perfect sailboat, including road trips to Canada in pursuit of a Minuet. His home was a familiar site on Great Pond Stream leading to the village, with a fleet of lovely Minuet sailboats that Peter generously safeguarded on his dock for friends in the Great Pond Yacht Club.

Peter passed away peacefully with family and friends by his side on May 24, 2021. Peter’s generosity, on and off the water, touched everyone fortunate enough to cross his path. His love for sailing will continue in those with whom he shared his passion and dedication.

Donald J. Perkins

Donald J. Perkins, age 63, passed away unexpectedly in August of 2021. He was raised on dairy farms in downeast Maine and Belgrade, and he graduated from Messalonskee High School in 1976. Don started a family with his high school sweetheart, Jean, and raised their boys, Ben and Alan, at their home on the West Road. He started his career at Bath Iron Works as an apprentice in the pipe shop, and he gradually advanced to senior management positions in the Contracts department. While his next career moves to executive positions brought him to companies in Mississippi, Maryland and Virginia, he always considered Belgrade home, and he and Jean returned to the town in 2013. Outside of work, some of Don’s favorite activities were golf, cycling, putting on his tractor, and spending time with Jean and family, especially goofing around with his four grandsons.

Don always prioritized family, but he was also dedicated to serving the town and its people. He was dedicated to community service as the Club President for the Lions Club, to the stewardship of Belgrade as a member of the Long-Range Planning Committee, and to the welfare of townspeople, being recognized as one of the founding fathers of Belgrade Rescue. Throughout his time in these roles, as well as countless interactions across town, Don was known as someone who was thoughtful and kind, encouraging, relatable, quick with a joke, and always willing to lend a helping hand. The dedicated way he lived his life according to his motto – “No act of kindness is ever wasted” – was a blessing to his family and the town of Belgrade.



Charles A. Stratton Sr.

Charles A. Stratton Sr. passed away peacefully on July 24, 2021, in his home in Belgrade after a courageous battle with lung cancer at the age of 64. He was an established self-employed carpenter/builder for over 35 years, working in all parts of the state and sometimes traveling out of state. He was well-respected and couldn't go anywhere in Belgrade without seeing someone he knew.

Charlie was a true outdoorsman at heart. If he wasn't in his garage putting on something, you could find him out on a boat trolling all the Belgrade waters ... or somewhere up North fishing one of his many "honey holes" – and that was just in the summertime. In the fall, hunting season ruled the day. Sometimes he would try and take the entire month of November off just so he could hunt. Birds, deer, turkey, bear, moose, coyote – he hunted them all and was probably the taxidermists' best customer. As much as he loved fishing and hunting in the warmer months, his favorite time of season was winter. He would take multiple snowmobiling trips all over the state. He just loved being on a sled. And of course, when he wasn't snowmobiling, he'd be on the ice trying to catch the ever-elusive salmon or trout. Charlie's love for the outdoors was contagious and has been passed down to not only his own kids, but his grandson as well. Whether it's 20 degrees or 90 degrees, his 18-month-old grandson does everything he can to go and play outside every single day.

Charlie was like the whisperer of the snow. As he would plow and sand his many accounted driveways, he would never pass by anyone elderly or anyone looking overwhelmed shoveling snow. He would stop and do a sweep in. The elderly would always get a sanded pathway whether they were customers or not. He would go out of his way to help people and not expect anything in exchange but a smile and a wave! He was a wonderful Husband, Father, Papa, Uncle and Friend! He enjoyed NASCAR and football, but most of all Charlie loved life! He showed great pride in his family and "his town" when he spoke of Belgrade.



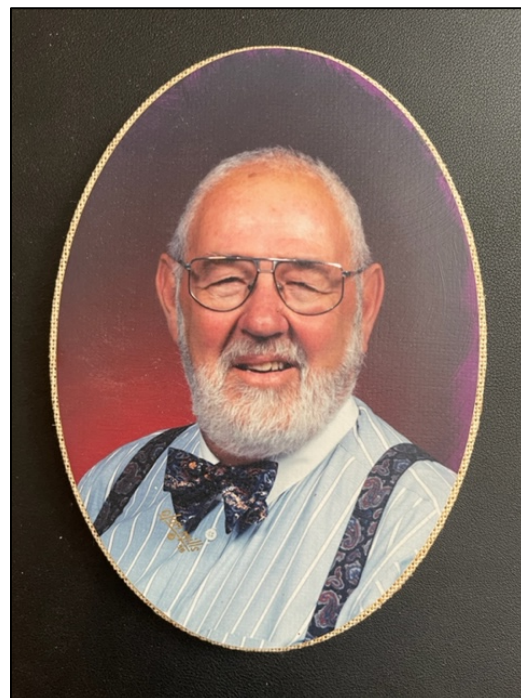
Richard Tripp

(1933-2021)

Richard Tripp was a husband, father, friend, church, and community worker. He was a member of the Union Church of Belgrade Lakes, where he spent years nurturing its growth. Richard and his wife, Joan, became Charter Members following the church's transition from a seasonal church to a full-time community church. They were both primary signators of the Church's Membership roster. Richard also served as church treasurer for 28 years. He especially enjoyed the community luncheons – he was a tough competitor when it came to a chili cook-off! He also enjoyed his reprising role as “Santa of The Lakes.” You could find him riding on the firetruck in the Christmas parade and then sitting patiently listening to the kids' Christmas wishes.

Other community interests included Board of Directors for Maine Children's Home for Little Wonderers and square-dancing with the Lakeside Promenaders.

We remember his humor, kindness and “Moxie Glass Half-Full” approach to life. He is sorely missed by his three children: Krysia, Ken and Paul.



Linda Veilleux

Linda Veilleux was born and grew up in Augusta, Maine. She married her childhood sweetheart, Mario Veilleux, and they moved to Belgrade in 1982. She worked for more than 30 years at the City of Augusta, retiring as the Deputy City Clerk.

Linda was a loving and caring person who enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She also loved crafts and was especially good at cross-stitching and card-making. When her grandchildren, Ethan and Bella, were young, there was always craft time at Memere's house.

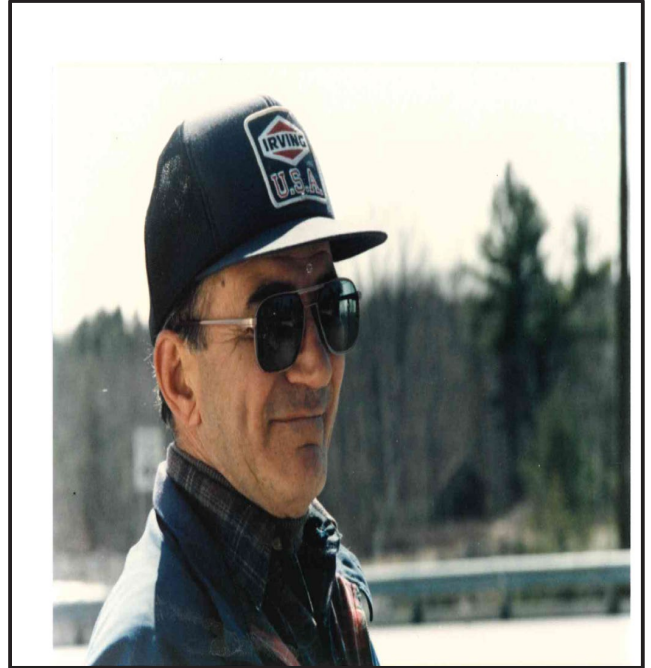
Before Mario's death, they looked forward to trips to camp in Kingsbury. They found a love for four-wheeling and road trips around camp. Camp will always hold a special place in the hearts of their daughter, Trisha, and son-in-law, Derek White.

Linda passed away at home on Jan. 9, 2021, with her daughter by her side. Her death has left a hole in her family's hearts. We cherish all of the memories and time we had together. We know Linda and Mario are together again and are looking over the family they loved so much.



Spiro James “Spike” Yotides

It was 40 years ago that we joined together with our father to open what is now a Belgrade landmark, Christy’s Country Store. “Spike” Yotides became the face of the business, as he pumped gas, weighed and cooked lobsters, netted live bait for fishermen, and counted bottle and can returns. He became an attraction to the local townsfolk as they would gather at the station, sitting outside on old lobster crates or inside on the counter where the recyclables were sorted. The exchange of stories and banter along with the latest “talk of the town” around a single overflowing ashtray became the day’s highlight for many. Although the sound of laughter usually dominated the scene, you can bet that a lot of the world’s problems were also resolved. Dad was the focal point of most discussions, so much so that members of his posse would take turns doing his work so as not to interrupt his contributions. He would reward his “labor force” with sodas, sandwiches from the deli and through his companionship. Everybody liked Spike.



He was the son of Greek immigrants raised in Winslow, where he lived a typical headlong childhood of the 1930s, highlighted by extraordinary athletic feats in high school, as he not only lettered but starred in basketball, baseball, football and track. He continued his sports career and education through two years of prep school and one at the University of Maine. He served three years in the U.S. Army during the Korean War stationed in Germany, and he achieved the rank of Sergeant First Class. Dad married our mom, Geraldine Rackliff from Smithfield, and along with our sister Kelly, we made our home in Waterville. He paid the bills by selling Chevrolets for 35 years, and a common phrase we heard growing up and still hear to this day, “Spike sold me a car.” More than likely, you were a repeat customer. Everybody liked Spike.

After his retirement, Dad would show up at the store in the early mornings to share a story or two with his boys and the locals over a cigarette and a cup of coffee. However, as the years went by, the visits became less frequent, and he spent the rest of his “Golden Years” traveling with his sidekick “Gerrie” and playing his newly discovered sport, golf. In the end, we know he loved his family, and he was happy with his life. He was especially proud of our accomplishments with Christy’s and the many lasting friendships he had acquired. If he called you by name, he considered you a friend. His memories of the town and its people were some of his fondest. They brought a smile to an old man. Looking back on our history in Belgrade, we can see that his passing is truly the end of an era, and Dad will surely be missed. Everybody liked Spike.

– Timmy and Tony Yotides

REFERENCE NUMBERS

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Library Dir., Jarod Bond..... 495-3508
Road Commissioner Jason Stevens....649-8070

Code Officer Richard Greenwald....485-4615
Animal Control Trisha Davis.....491-0410
Transfer Station Dir. Ken Scheno....495-3326
Belgrade Central School.....495-2321
RSU #18.....465-7384
Messalonskee H.S.....465-7381
Messalonskee Middle.....465-2167

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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

More handy information

Town Office Hours of Operation:

Monday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Thursday 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Saturday – Open the last Saturday of the month
April – June 9 a.m. – Noon

Selectperson Board Meetings

First and third Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Office or via zoom

Planning Board Meetings

First and third Thursdays of the month at 6 p.m. at the Town Office

Transfer Station & Recycling Center Hours of Operation

11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Wednesdays, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays and
Noon- 5 p.m. Thursdays (May 30, 2022 – October 10, 2022)

Code Enforcement Officer

8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, 8 a.m.– 4:30 p.m. Wednesday & 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.Thursday

TOWN ADMINISTRATION STAFF

Town Manager – Anthony Wilson (by contract)

Animal Control Officer: Trisha Davis	1 yr
Civil Emergency Director: Jeremy Damren	1 yr
Civil Emergency Mgmt. Asst. Dir: Ed Ketch	1 yr
Public Information Officer: Jeremy Damren	1 yr
Health Officer: Jennifer Clements	3 yr
Historian: Nancy Mairs	1 yr
Plumbing Inspector: Gary Fuller	1 yr
Code Enforcement Officer: Gary Fuller	1 yr
Town Clerk/Dep. Registrar: Mary J. Vogel	Indef
Deputy Clerk/Registrar: Charlene G. Houle	Indef
Deputy Clerk: Deborah Nichols	Indef
Deputy Clerk: Nicholas Poole	Indef
GA Administrator: Anthony Wilson	Indef
Assistant GA: Mary J. Vogel	Indef
Treasurer/Tax Collector: Nicholas Poole	Indef
Deputy Treasurer: Mary J. Vogel	Indef
IF & W Agent: Mary J. Vogel	Indef
Motor Vehicle Agent: Nicholas Poole	Indef
Town Meeting Moderator: John (Jay) Bradshaw, Jr.	1 yr
Town Meeting Moderator: Deputy Howard Holinger	1 yr.



More About Belgrade
 27,917 acres of land
 9,638 acres of water
 1,158 acres of bog or swamp
 total of 38,713 acres

Schools

Belgrade Central School
 Messalonskee Middle School,
 Oakland
 Messalonskee High School, Oakland

All schools are part of RSU #18

RSU #18 website - rsu18.org

Churches

Lakes Christian Fellowship – 744
 Augusta Road
 Old South Church – 373 Manchester
 Road
 St Helena’s Church – 43 Main Street
 Union Methodist Church – 62 Main
 Street

Health Facilities

Belgrade Regional Health Center, 4
 Clement Way (along Rt. 27)
 207-495-3323. Office hours M – F
 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
 Dockside Physical Therapy, 47 Main
 Street

Voting and Town Meetings

Center for All Seasons
 1 Center Drive

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

<p>BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS</p> <p>Melanie Jewell, Chair 2022 Richard Damren 2022 Daniel Newman 2023 Carol Johnson 2024 Barbara Allen 2024</p>	<p>DAMS COMMITTEE</p> <p>Four Belgrade members, 3 yr terms</p> <p>Cameron McCafferty, Alt. 2022 Kerry Oliver 2023 Craig Alexander 2023 Tom Bennett 2024 Ted Fontaine 2024</p>	<p>LAKES COMMITTEE</p> <p>Seven members, 3-yr terms</p> <p>Michael Guarino 2022 Paul Feinberg 2023 Cathy McKelway 2023 Michael Barrett 2024 Patrick Donahue 2024 James Hillier 2024 Lenny Reich 2024</p>
<p>APPEALS BOARD</p> <p>Five members with staggered 3yr terms, 2 alternates</p> <p>Nicholas Alexander 2022 Norma Blazer 2023 Dick Bourne 2022 David Bonar 2023 Valerie Hudspath, Alt. 2024 Mike Heino, Chair 2024</p>	<p>DON C. STEVENS COMMITTEE</p> <p>Laura Dunbar, Chair 2022 Jill MacKenzie 2024 Alyssa Tibbetts 2024 Vacancy</p>	<p>PARKS & RECREATION</p> <p>10 members, 3-year terms, 2 Alt.</p> <p>Jessica White 2022 Aaron Palleschi 2023 Linda Bacon, Chair 2024 Victoria Alexander 2024 Kaitlyn Thibodeau 2024</p>
<p>ASSESSMENT REVIEW</p> <p>Three members with staggered 3 yr. terms</p> <p>Richard Bourne 2023 Two vacancies</p>	<p>FIRE/RESCUE DEPT</p> <p>Chief Dan MacKenzie Deputy Chief Bill Pulsifer Asst. Chief Ed Ketch Jr. Lakes Asst. Chief Bruce Galouch Depot Asst. Chief Scott Damren No Belgrade Capt. Kate Damren No Belgrade Training Lt. Steve Smith Lakes Lt. Dan Newman Depot Capt. Mark Day Lakes Lt. Doug Sawyer Lakes Rescue Chief Travis Burton Lakes Rescue Capt. Conrad Shaw No. Belgrade Rescue Lt. Michaelyn Smith Lakes</p>	<p>PLANNING BOARD</p> <p>5 Members, 3-year term, 2 Alt.</p> <p>George Seel 2022 Peter Sargent 2022 Peter Rushton, Chair 2023 Craig Alexander 2023 Sara Languet 2024 Richard Baker Alt.</p>
<p>BUDGET COMMITTEE</p> <p>Six members with staggered 3 yr.</p> <p>Gary Mahler, Chair 2022 John (Jack) Sutton 2023 Catharine Damren 2023 Bruce Galouch 2023 Thomas Dowd 2022 Scott Ferguson 2024</p>	<p>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</p> <p>Seven members, 3 yr terms</p> <p>Scott Ferguson 2022 Brent Chisholm 2023 Wendy Dyer 2023 Maureen Milliken 2024 Dianne Dowd, Chair 2024 Stacy Whitcomb-Smith 2024 Leilani Carlson 2024 Charlotte Saxl, Youth Rep No Exp.</p>	<p>RSU 18 BOARD</p> <p>Sara Languet 2023 Heather Digirolamo 2022</p>
<p>CEMETERY COMMITTEE</p> <p>Five members, 3 year terms</p> <p>Robert Lewis 2022 Mike Heino 2022 Bruce Galouch 2023 David Bonar 2023 Philip Sprague, Chair 2024</p>	<p>ROAD COMMITTEE</p> <p>Seven members, 3-year terms</p> <p>Ernest Rice Rhaeto Pfister Maurice Childs Jack (John) Sutton 2023 Valerie Hudspath 2023 Corey Alexander 2024 Jason Stevens, Road Commissioner</p>	<p>SENIOR RESOURCE COMMITTEE</p> <p>Tasha Gradie, Co-Chair 2022 Mary Vogel, Co-Chair 2022 Doris Mathias 2023 Karen McFadden 2023 Gail Barejka 2023 Betty Weaver 2024 Christine Peatfield 2024 Susan Bradshaw 2024 Kim Haggan 2024 Loyce Hayslett 2024</p>
<p>COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE</p> <p>Regina Coppens, Chair Maureen Milliken Melanie Jewell Brian Beaupain John (Jay) Bradshaw, Jr. Patty Vonderstine</p>	<p>COMPREHENSIVE PLAN</p> <p>Six members, 3 yr terms</p> <p>Michael Donahue 2022 Kimberly Dallas 2023 Patrick Donahue 2023 Kathleen Wall 2024 Mary Vogel 2024 George Seel, Chair 2024</p>	<p>TRANSFER STATION TRANSFER COMMITTEE</p> <p>Six members, 3 yr terms</p> <p>Bruce Galouch 2022 Rhaeto Pfister 2022 Tom Daniels 2022 Christina Wilson 2023 Michael Barrett 2023 Katherine Couture 2023</p>



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Board of Selectpersons

As I reflect on the past year and all the extraordinary changes and challenges 2021 presented, I am reminded that the one thing that has not wavered is the commitment we have to each other to work together to face whatever may come. One perfect example of this was witnessing how everyone who could help came to help following the microburst that ripped through town on July 2, 2021. Town employees, local contractors, and private citizens armed with chainsaws and neighborly spirit all came together to help clean up the devastation. The 90-mph winds were no match for this community and its tenacity; two days later, the Belgrade Lakes Business Group still pulled off a Fourth of July celebration, and strolling through town today, you would be unaware of the level of destruction that occurred just months ago.

Throughout the year, we worked to navigate each new hurdle the pandemic threw our way. Fully remote meetings transitioned to a hybrid model with board and committee members participating in person and the public allowed to still participate remotely. The level of citizens joining in remotely has declined somewhat but is still a higher rate than the strictly in-person participation of the past. I hear time and again how people appreciate watching the meetings in real time on Facebook and the recordings later on; folks feel more involved and more informed, and this can only be a good thing!

As many of you may already know, there will be no in-person Town Meeting this year. The decision was made by the board to proceed this way out of an abundance of caution during this pandemic. Fingers crossed that perhaps next year we can all meet in person again! All items on the town warrant will be voted on by secret ballot referendum and, as such, it is imperative that you take the time to educate yourselves prior to voting. A public hearing will be conducted on February 15, at 6:30 p.m.. This is your chance to ask whatever questions you may have about the warrant articles prior to voting. Only 16% of eligible voters cast ballots in the 2021 Town Meeting – I have faith we can exceed that for 2022 Town Meeting! Don't forget how many ways you can vote; you have the options of voting by absentee ballot (mail-in or drop-off ballots at the Town Office or in the secure drop box) or vote in person March 19, 2022, from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Center for All Seasons, 1 Center Drive along Route 27 in the village.

The Salt Well Remediation Committee finished the charge to work with the Maine Department of Transportation to find a solution to the wells contaminated by the storage of sand and salt for winter road maintenance. The issue was first identified in 2011; at the time, MDOT and the Town thought we had found the solution and fixed the problem. We built a sand and salt storage facility and drilled new wells in some cases. Fast forward to 2018, and it came to our attention the contamination had not been arrested; instead, it is getting worse, and we need to act. We have a responsibility to our citizens to come together on a solution that will not only halt the current contamination, but also protect us against damages caused by future salt migration through our geology. Many options were discussed, and a few tried, but none were successful. The last option, and the one deemed most likely to succeed, is to create and operate a public water system that will service the affected households. The Selectboard agreed with the assessment, and it is now up to you to help us move forward toward this common goal.

The Board wishes to acknowledge the hard work by the Planning Board and Kennebec Valley Council of Governments for the updates to, overhaul of and amendments to the Town's Subdivision and the Commercial Development Review ordinances. Likewise, the Board of Appeals and the Cemetery Committee updated the ordinances governing the Appeals Board and the Town's cemeteries. A tremendous amount of time and work went into these reviews and updates, and it shows in the final results.

2021 brought its share of loss and heartbreak to the town as well. The memorials and dedication you will find within these pages are reflective of some of those losses, and we extend our condolences to every family and friend who has been touched by these deaths.

The Selectboard welcomed two new members in 2021, Barbara Allen and Carol Johnson. There are two Selectboard seats up for election in March 2022, with three folks submitting nomination papers to fill these. There is also one spot open representing Belgrade on the RSU 18 School Board; five candidates are vying for that position. The Communications Committee will host a candidates' forum to give townspeople an opportunity to meet the candidates and hear their views on the various issues affecting our town and school system. That forum will be posted on the Town's website, townofbelgrade.com, and on its Facebook and YouTube pages afterward.

Several citizens stepped up to serve on various committees and boards, and we are so thankful to everyone who volunteers their time to help run our town. We literally could not do it without you, and we appreciate your time and willingness to serve in whatever capacity you can! If you'd like to join in, visit townofbelgrade.com/boards or call the Town Office at 207-495-2258 for a list of openings and instructions on how to apply.

The ways in which we have come to put down roots in Belgrade may be different, but the end result is that we all choose to make Belgrade our home in one way or another. Whether you were born here or transplanted here, visit here or live here year-round, you are part of the fabric that makes up our community. On behalf of the Selectboard, I want to remind you we are glad you are here!

Wishes for a healthy, happy 2022!

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Jewell
Chair, Board of Selectpersons

Town Manager

I recently walked into the Augusta 5 Guys for lunch and noticed a help wanted sign on the front door. It advertised an average wage of \$16.60 per hour. To flip burgers. Although I had seen other enticing job postings, the 5 Guys sign underscored for me how competitive the employment marketplace has become in the wake of the pandemic.

We've felt that within the Town of Belgrade. We could not fill positions at the Transfer Station, in facilities maintenance and at the Center for All Seasons last year. Further, two experienced deputy clerk candidates turned down job offers; they sought salaries upward of \$50,000, fully paid health insurance, and partial to full insurance coverage for spouses and/or dependents.

This year's proposed budget is built around the need for the Town of Belgrade to offer a more competitive compensation package that will attract and retain talented public servants. To that end, departmental budgets include:

- A \$15 minimum wage. That would represent a \$1.50 per hour increase for our lowest-paid regular part-time employee. So, wages of all our regular part- and full-time employees have also been raised by \$1.50 to maintain the integrity of our salary structure.
- The Town's returning to pay for 100 percent of an employee's health insurance premiums (not including the cost of carrying spouses and children on the policy). Currently, the Town pays 90 percent. The increased cost is minimal – \$19,178 out of a total municipal budget of about \$3 million. But the move is important to current and prospective employees.
- An increase in the Town's contribution toward employees' retirement. For decades, the Town has matched up to 3 percent of employee contributions to their retirement savings. This proposed budget would raise that to 5 percent at a cost of about \$12,000.

Additionally, the Town would pay about \$13,000 for our two full-time firefighters to participate in a state pension plan that would pay them two-thirds of their salary after 25 years of service. That is a move to ensure we retain Rescue Chief Travis Burton and Firefighter Danielle Bedard, two dedicated and incredibly able first-responders (and Belgrade residents), and to help us attract more firefighters when that need arises.

In total, these proposals, endorsed by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectpersons, account for an approximate 16-percent increase in the Town's payroll costs. That is not inexpensive. Neither is it, in my opinion, avoidable if we are to cultivate a team that can deliver the level of service Belgrade wants, needs and deserves. In other words, these increases represent the cost of doing business. The good news is that because of a dip in debt service costs and an increase in projected revenues, the overall impact on the mil rate is minimal.

Other important initiatives on this year's warrant include:

- The repaving of more roads. You can find which ones on the warrant at the back of this report. Additionally, we propose testing a pavement preservation approach known as chip-sealing on two roads – the Minot Hill Road and the East-West Lane. This involves spraying a thin layer of liquid asphalt on the road's surface and binding it with rock aggregate. That seals the surface,

preventing moisture from seeping into it. When that happens, the road's base inevitably crumbles and eventually requires the road to be rebuilt. Chip-sealing will extend the lives of these roads at a fraction of the cost of repaving them. We're confident this approach will prove successful, and the use can be extended to other roads.

This year's proposed paving program is not as expansive as in 2019. That will result in less debt payments in 2023-24 for the two-thirds of the cost that will be financed.

The plan is for the next paving program, in 2025, to address roads in North Belgrade, including the Horsepoint, McGrath Pond, Station and Damren roads.

- Rewrites of the Subdivision and Cemetery ordinances, and amendments to the Board of Appeals and the Commercial Development Review ordinances. The Planning Board, Appeals Board and Cemetery Committee worked diligently on these needed updates. The changes have been scrutinized by the Town's attorney.

Speaking of the Town's attorney, we negotiated a fixed-fee contract of \$12,000 with our law firm to provide all legal services except bond counsel and representation in litigation. This is a move to control legal costs. (We are already making liberal use of our attorney's time). The budget also necessarily includes money for litigation, including the establishment of a reserve fund for litigation expenses arising from Planning Board decisions – a common source of legal challenges. Should those funds not be used (and we hope they won't be), the funds would be reserved for use on legal matters in future years.

- Establishment of a capital reserve for the Town's fire and rescue communications tower and the equipment mounted on it. We propose moving \$10,000 from the undesignated fund – unspent dollars from prior budget years – to populate that account. Fire Chief Dan MacKenzie said that amount would cover a worst-case scenario involving the tower.
- Strategically building the Solid Waste Capital Reserve. We propose a different approach this year – an influx of dollars from the undesignated fund rather than relying on budget savings from the prior year. Once we pay for a new compactor container, the reserve's balance would be about \$100,000 – enough to address a major hopper breakdown.

I am happy to respond to questions about any of the warrant articles. Please contact me at 207-495-2258 or townmanager@townofbelgrade.com. We want you to have all you need to make an informed decision on the important issues facing our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Wilson, Town Manager

Public water system

This year's Town Meeting warrant includes two articles aimed at resolving the contamination of wells in the area bounded by routes 27, 8/11 and 135.

The longtime practice of the Town and the Maine Department of Transportation storing road salt uncovered and on open ground caused the contamination. The salt leached into the ground and into the aquifer that serves the properties within that triangle. That not only contaminated the water for human consumption but has corroded plumbing fixtures and appliances. The Town and the DOT are now responsible for jointly remedying the issue for affected property owners.

Town and DOT officials studied several potential solutions. The salt has contaminated shallow and deep wells, meaning drilling new wells would be fruitless. Reverse-osmosis systems, such as the one in the Town Office, proved to be unworkable. Those systems would have required their being housed in additional, heated structures; some of the impacted homes are mobile homes. Also, the salty discharge from R-O systems would be problematic, the systems would require regular maintenance, and under-the-sink systems would be inadequate. There was even a thought to purchase all the properties. But that was fraught with all sorts of consequences:

- What if some owners declined to sell their property?
- If they agreed to sell, would they be able to afford to buy or build elsewhere in Belgrade?
- Who would own the properties if they were jointly purchased by the Town and the state?
- How would the properties be used?
- Who would be responsible for their ongoing maintenance?
- And how would the Town be compensated for the lost property tax revenue?

In the end, the only viable solution was a public water system. Under a tentative agreement between the Town and the DOT, the state would fund the system's construction to serve the 13 affected properties (including the Town Office and Pine Grove Cemetery) at a budgeted cost of \$2.2 million. The Town would then operate it, likely contracting with a third party to do so. The Maine Rural Water Association estimates the annual expense at less than \$20,000. The users of the system would pay water rates, approved by the Maine Public Utilities Commission, that would approximate the annual expense of operating a well (mostly electrical costs).

One of the articles seeks voter ratification of the Belgrade Water District created by the State Legislature under a bill sponsored by State Rep. Dan Newman, who also serves as a Belgrade Selectperson. The second article seeks voter approval for the Town to complete its negotiations with the state. The resulting contract would then require voter approval.

While owning and operating a public water system was not the preferred resolution of the salt contamination issue, it has proven to be the most viable option. The Town is happy to respond to questions voters may have about this issue to ensure they have the information necessary to make an informed vote

Planning Board

2021 was a busy year for the Planning Board. We reviewed quite a few permit applications. Those applications spanned the Shoreland Zoning, Commercial Development Review and Subdivision ordinances. If that weren't enough, at the same time we worked determinedly revising the Subdivision Ordinance and have been working on a revision to the Commercial Development Review Ordinance to develop permitting standards specific to future solar farms. We couldn't have done this without astute guidance from the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG) and its planning staff.

We began the year hosting meetings virtually. By the end of the summer, we had transitioned back to having our meetings in the Town Office. Our new "norm" is to utilize technology (the Meeting Owl) to broadcast meetings and allow remote public participation via Zoom. Even though we had a few bumps along the way, in the end, we've become accustomed to this new way of meeting.

I want to thank each Planning Board member for his or her countless hours of volunteer service. Each brings a wealth of professional experience and unique perspective to the board. Craig Alexander, George Seel, Rich Baker, Peter Sargent and our newest member Sara Languet all donate their time generously. I'm grateful for their numerous contributions. Thank you all for your service!

The Planning Board has always worked closely with the Code Enforcement Officer. The sudden passing of our friend and colleague Gary Fuller hurt deeply. We look forward to collaborating with new CEO Richard Greenwald, as he will have a big role in our meetings.

I also want to thank the staff at the Town Office. They are all exceptionally busy yet find ways to help us out weekly. Thank you to Sheila Thorne who served as our secretary before passing the baton to Julie Morrison. I appreciate her willingness to produce meeting minutes. It was not always easy. We still conducted several meetings via Zoom. And when we returned to the meeting room, there were times when technology made hearing who said what challenging. We continue to hold our meetings in person *and* on Zoom. Julie has done a great job! We've been known to have some lengthy meetings. Thank you for hanging in there with us, Julie!

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Rushton, Chairperson

Code Enforcement Officer

This is the first annual report of the Code Enforcement Officer in 30 years not authored by Gary Fuller. Gary passed on Sept. 18, having faithfully served our community as its Code Enforcement Officer and Local Plumbing Inspector for 30 years – the longest-serving Town employee in Belgrade’s history.

Faced with hiring a CEO for the first time in three decades, the Town found the demand for code officers in Maine exceeds the supply. An interview panel of Planning Board Chair Peter Rushton, Selectperson Dan Newman, local contractor Tyler Evans, Town Clerk Mary Vogel and Town Manager Anthony Wilson interviewed several exceptional if inexperienced candidates. The job was offered to Richard Greenwald, a former Marine, corrections officer and housing inspector. The Selectboard appointed him, effective Jan. 5.

To make the job more attractive and to create stability in the position, Richard was hired on a full-time basis with responsibilities beyond those as Code Enforcement Officer. His office hours are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursdays. Richard is in the process of earning his state certification as a Code Enforcement Officer, having passed the first of his three CEO exams prior to his first day on the job. Afterward, he will seek his Local Plumbing Inspector’s license.

The Town of Belgrade issued a record 104 building permits last year (compared to 87 in 2020). The breakdown is as follows:

Single-family homes	22
Mobile homes	2
New seasonal dwelling	1
Private chapel	1
In-ground pools	1
Additions and alterations	39
Garages and sheds	36
Commercial structures	2

Additionally, 88 plumbing permits were issued – 39 for interior plumbing and 49 for exterior plumbing. That compares to 53 permits in 2020.

Permit applications and packets are posted at townofbelgrade.com/CodeEnforcement.

Following Gary’s passing, Oakland Code Enforcement David Savage helped the Town of Belgrade by issuing permits and conducting inspections. Dave could not have been more helpful and gracious in providing basic code enforcement until the Town could hire a new CEO.

Comprehensive Plan Implementation Oversight Committee

The Comprehensive Plan Implementation Oversight Committee is responsible for monitoring the Town's progress implementing recommendations from Belgrade's 2014 Comprehensive Plan. We provide the Selectboard with an annual progress report and recommendations for the plan's implementation.

This past year, the Committee assessed the Town's progress in implementing recommendations from the Farming and Forestry, Public Services and Management, and Transportation chapters. The Committee also reviewed the status of the recommendations related to improving compliance with the Town's various land use ordinances and providing a "level playing field" for landowners, developers and contractors who are to comply with these ordinances. Here is a summary of this past year's key findings:

- Most plan recommendations regarding delivery of public services and the management of Town government have been completed or are well underway.
- Most Town boards or committees post their agendas and minutes, consistent with the plan's goal to increase public access to Town proceedings.
- The plan contains 14 recommendations calling for improving compliance with land use ordinances. Our efforts to quantify the status and improvements in compliance rates were hampered by the lack of any record keeping. We relied instead on interviews with Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) Gary Fuller, and his personal assessment and best estimates. Additional funding approved by the 2018 Town meeting for the CEO allowed for the inspection of all developments permitted by the Planning Board and all citizen complaints received – clearly an important step forward. Regarding compliance rates, the CEO's best estimate for the Town's Shoreland Zoning and Commercial Development Review ordinances is that only 50 percent of all projects comply with each ordinance.

Based on these findings, we made the following recommendations to the Selectboard:

- Those Town boards and committees not yet doing so should be required to maintain as public records both meeting agendas and minutes, and post to the Town website.
- The town manager and CEO should develop and implement a simple record-keeping system to measure yearly compliance rates and year-to-year improvement, and to identify specific areas of non-compliance so solutions can be focused on the worst areas.
- The CEO should follow up each inspection with a letter documenting his findings and any needed remedial measures. Letters should also be provided to landowners whose projects comply as positive reinforcement.

The committee's full report to the Selectboard is posted at townofbelgrade.com/compplancommittee. Our thanks to all who assisted us this past year.

Respectively submitted,

George Seel, Chair; Mary Vogel, Vice Chair; Michael Donohue, Kimberly Dallas, Patrick Donahue, Kathi Wall

Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals is responsible for acting on administrative and variance appeals from decisions made by the Planning Board or the Code Enforcement Officer in accordance with Town of Belgrade ordinances. The board conducts these appeals in accordance with Maine statutes, Town ordinances and board procedures, keeping in mind the community goals of the Belgrade Comprehensive Plan. Often the decisions made by the board seem harsh and even contrary to common sense, both to the board members as well as to the general public. The board is bound to follow the law in all cases.

During 2021, the board scheduled six monthly meetings and received two administrative appeals for review. The board had previously conducted two hearings during 2020 and subsequently made decisions on both at the January 2021 meeting. The board also reviewed and made amendments to the Board of Appeals ordinance, which will be presented to the voters for approval at the town meeting. Those proposed amendments are simple housekeeping matters to clean up the ordinance.

Serving on a municipal Board of Appeals is one of the most challenging and rewarding jobs a citizen can volunteer to do. Thank you to fellow board members Nicholas Alexander, Norma Blazer, David Bonar, Dick Bourne and alternate member Val Hudspath for their dedication and service.

There is currently a vacancy for an alternate member for the Board of Appeals. If you're interested in learning more or applying for this appointment, please contact the Town Office. Applications are also available at townofbelgrade.com/AppealsBoard.

Respectfully submitted,

Michial Heino, Chair



Fire & Rescue Department

The 2021 proposed budget for the Fire & Rescue Department includes an increase that is related mostly to personnel costs. Our first full year with two full-time emergency responders, who are incredibly dedicated to Belgrade, was a success. We need to do what we can to retain them. This year's budget includes raises of \$1.50 per hour for the Town's staff to attract applicants and retain valued employees. (Volunteers' on-duty rates are also rising.) The budget also includes increased contributions to full-time employees' health insurance and retirement plans. Another \$13,000 is budgeted for a state pension plan that lets full-time firefighters collect two-thirds of their salary after 25 years of service. This is an important move to retain our firefighters and to attract applicants when we eventually must grow our staff.

As the pandemic continues, we want to assure citizens the Fire & Rescue Department is doing all it can to keep you safe during calls. Please be patient when we arrive to your emergency; it takes a few extra seconds to put on the protective equipment to keep everyone safe.

In 2021, we responded to 468 calls in Belgrade (compared to 395 in 2020), providing coverage with full-time Rescue personnel from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays and from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. weekends. During these times, we also responded to 64 medical calls in Rome. Per an agreement between the two towns, Rome pays half of one of the full-time positions, if approved at its annual town meeting. Dedicated volunteers cover the remaining hours. There continues to be a decrease in volunteers, so please see us if you are interested in joining to help the community.

The new Belgrade 65 Tanker has been put into service at the Depot Fire Station. We continue to plan and work toward a new central fire station in the Depot area. The location has not been finalized, but we are working on options and hope to know soon if one of them will work for us. This would allow the Fire & Rescue Department's full-time members to be centrally located, yielding shorter response times to all parts of town.

As a reminder, burn permits are required for any outdoor burning except for cooking fires. Visit wardensreport.com after 9 a.m. to get a free burn permit. If the site does not allow you to get a permit that means weather conditions prohibit burning on that day.

Also remember to replace batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors once a year. Every house should have multiple working detectors. Also check the date on the back of the detector. Most detectors are good for only five years, but follow the manufacturer's recommendations. There is also a new law requiring propane detectors in certain buildings if a propane appliance is present. Contact us or the State Fire Marshal's Office with questions about any of this.

Thank you to the local business that allow our volunteers to leave work and respond to emergencies, and to the citizens of Belgrade for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Fire Chief Dan MacKenzie
Rescue Chief Travis Burton

Road Commissioner

Much of 2021 was spent preparing for what will be the focus for Belgrade's roads in 2022 – the Town's latest paving project. The Roads Committee spent many months considering which roads to pave, finally deciding to recommend to the Selectboard an \$850,000 project that addresses the Depot Road, the Guptill Road, Old Route 27, Hulin Road, School Street, Red Oaks Lodge Road, Lakeshore Drive, the Transfer Station Road and the portion of the Transfer Station complex that wasn't repaved in 2021. The Roads Committee also recommended as part of that package a pavement preservation treatment known as chip-sealing for the Minot Hill Road and the East-West Lane.

Chip-sealing involves spraying a thin layer of liquid asphalt on a roadway and binding that with rock aggregate. The liquid asphalt prevents moisture from seeping into the roadway and compromising its base – almost like crack-sealing the entire road. When moisture reaches the base, a road deteriorates and eventually must be repaved at a far greater cost. For instance, repaving Minot Hill Road would cost nearly \$176,000; extending its useful life with chip-sealing will cost an estimated \$63,836. Repaving the East-West Lane would cost about \$96,000 versus an estimated \$47,043 for chip-sealing it. The choice of those two roads was strategic – Minot Hill is a busy through road with lots of heavy truck traffic; East-West is a residential road. Each will give us an opportunity to evaluate chip-sealing on different types of roads.

Other communities that have used chip-sealing report it has been highly effective in protecting the investment they previously made in paving roads. Assuming we have the same experience, we foresee making regular use of this approach to preserve Belgrade's paved Town roads. Those other communities have assured us chip-sealing does not result in more flat tires.

Once winter sand was cleaned from intersections in early 2021, our road crews proceeded to ditch and replace culverts along some of the roads in the 2022 paving program. Those included the Depot Road, the Minot Hill Road and the Guptill Road.

Trees were trimmed back, and shoulder maintenance was also completed along the following roads: McGrath Pond Road, Station Road and the Horsepoint Road. Crack-sealing was done to the West Road and the Point Road. We under-spent the 2021 road maintenance budget of \$155,675 by approximately \$6,000 (3.8 percent of the budget), which lapsed into the road's capital reserve. We propose a flat road maintenance budget this year.

Assuming voters approve this year's paving program, the Roads Committee has talked about repaving North Belgrade roads in 2025, including the Horsepoint Road, McGrath Pond Road, the Damren Road, Taylor Woods Road, Station Road and potentially others.

I welcome comments about our roads. You can email me at jasonstevens306@yahoo.com.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Stevens, Road Commissioner

Transfer Station

Before recapping 2021, I want to offer some explanation about the increase in the Solid Waste budget in this year's Town Meeting warrant. That is being driven by two factors.

One, the cost of waste disposal – the expense of hauling garbage from the Transfer Station to the landfill – has ballooned in recent months. That necessitated a \$20,000 increase in waste disposal over what was budgeted in 2021. Disposal rates are scheduled to increase 3 percent on July 1. That is in addition to a 33-percent rise in the cost of disposing demolition wood.

Two, staffing was a challenge in 2021 and remains an issue for 2022. Several applicants at the Transfer Station turned down job offers after learning what wages were. The need to increase wages to compete for workers is prompting a proposed \$15 minimum wage for Town workers and a \$1.50 per hour raise for current employees to ensure we can retain the talent we have.

Two other warrant articles will further impact the Transfer Station. We need to build up the Solid Waste capital reserve to ensure we have the financial resources necessary should the hopper/compactor or any other equipment needed to operate the facility suffers a catastrophic breakdown. This year's budget proposes moving \$65,000 from the undesignated fund – tax dollars collected but not spent in prior budget years – to the Solid Waste capital reserve account. Once we have paid for a new compactor container, that would leave a balance of about \$100,000 – enough to address any unforeseen and debilitating need. Another article proposes using up to \$59,000 from the undesignated fund to replace the Transfer Station's skid steer. The current skid steer would be used by the Facilities Maintenance Department, eliminating \$8,000 in rental costs each year. Neither of these moves would require collecting additional taxes this year.

In 2022 the Transfer Station and Recycling Center Committee, along with the Transfer Station Director, will work to acquire grants to improve the facility. We will also explore new recycling programs, and develop five- and 10-year facility improvement/maintenance plans. We will also reapply for the SHAPE program (Safety and Health Award for Public Employers), a designation we have earned from the Maine Department of Labor and from the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) since 2017.

In 2021, the Transfer Station completed a much-needed repaving project around the recycling center. This year's paving article includes paving the rest of the complex, including Transfer Station Road. One success in 2021 was record local participation in the two regional household hazardous waste events. The tonnage disposed of at the facility was almost identical to 2020. We saw a marked increase in revenue from \$38,683 in 2020 to \$61,678 in 2021. However, the recyclables market slumped significantly at year's end, so we have budgeted only \$30,000 in revenue this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Scheno
Transfer Station Director

Belgrade Public Library

Before looking back at 2021, let's look at the Library budget we are asking you to approve for 2022. Over the past three years, we've kept Library budget requests flat at \$82,094. This year, our budget has increased to ensure we have two staff members on duty for the 30 hours per week the library is open, for safety purposes. (Only one of the Library's three employees works full-time.) Additionally, the Town proposes raising its minimum wage to \$15 per hour, with a parity raise for all Town employees. As a result, 92 percent of the requested budget increase relates to payroll costs.

One of our new hires, Kim Dawes, has taken over our story time, a position filled mostly by volunteers in the past. This has allowed us to expand our story time offering with a weekly YouTube video! We believe the budget increase will allow us to provide even better service in the coming years.

This past year, we hosted a number of programs, both virtual and in person. Mr. Harley and the Strollers performed outside the Library to cap off the summer. Richard Powers, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Zoomed in from the woods of Tennessee to discuss his book "The Overstory," the focus of the first Community Read. We hosted multiple in-person programs outside with live animals. We also had three fantastic guests from the Maine Crime Writers group host a Zoom panel on writing characters.

We acquired hundreds of new books in 2021, from picture books to spy thrillers, and fantasy adventures to Amish fiction. Our most popular books were "The Overstory," "Serpentine" by Jonathan Kellerman, and "One Last Lie" by Maine mystery writer Paul Doiron. Also popular were our new graphic novels, including our "Avatar: The Last Airbender" series.

Anyone with a Belgrade Public Library card has access to Cloudlibrary, an e-book and audiobook lending service connected to a statewide catalog. Alongside Cloudlibrary is ComicsPlus!, another online service that allows patrons free access to thousands of graphic novels and comic books. Both services greatly expand the number of titles our patrons have access to. We also have a telescope, sleds, iPads, board games and puzzles to loan out. And we sell gently used books year-round from a cart near the Library's entrance.

With all the services, excellent staffing, expansive collections and technology we offer here at the Belgrade Public Library, we are prepared to hit a home run in 2022. Come visit us Tuesdays through Saturdays at 124 Depot Road (check townofbelgrade.com/library for our hours), subscribe to our newsletter, like us on Facebook, and keep an eye on the Town calendar at townofbelgrade.com to see what programs we have coming!

Respectfully submitted,

Jared Bond
Library Director

Belgrade Public Library Board of Trustees

Despite the continuing challenges of the pandemic, the Belgrade Public Library had a successful year.

Staff of the Belgrade Public Library has worked hard to continue to provide excellent service to the community during the COVID pandemic. This hard work was recognized by the community, and in March 2021, the Belgrade Public Library received a Spirit of America Award from the Town of Belgrade.



This year several members of the Trustee Board, the library director along with the 7 Lakes

Alliance, and the Belgrade Historical Society teamed to promote a COMMUNITY READ of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel “The Overstory” by Richard Powers. The plan was to have copies of the book available for anyone interested in reading the book and to have programs and book discussions that revolved around the book and its theme of environmental issues. The final event would be a discussion with the author.

The COMMUNITY READ was a huge success, with programs for adults and children. Those included: a story stroll of the book “Who Will Plant a Tree” by Jerry Pallotta, (a big thank you to the Belgrade Regional Health Center for allowing this event to take place on its nature trail and for purchasing tree books for participants); “Maine’s Big Trees” presented by Jan Santerre, the Project Canopy director for the Maine Forest Service; Mr. Drew and his Animals Too; book group discussions; and an art show. A big thank you to Renee Cunningham, owner of Oliver & Friends Bookshop, the bookstore in Belgrade Lakes Village, for all her support.

With the resignation of Library Director Megan Aube, the library has undergone a huge staffing change. The board wishes Megan success in her future endeavors. Jared Bond, the longtime librarian, was the overwhelming choice to become the library director. Alaina Hood was hired as the new library assistant and Kim Dawes was hired as the library clerk. With an all-new staff, the Belgrade Public Library looks forward to continuing to provide excellent service and programming to the community.

Respectively submitted,

Dianne Dowd, Chair, Library Board of Trustees

Belgrade Library Board of Trustees with Spirit of America Reward – Spring 2021

Friends of the Belgrade Public Library

The Friends of the Belgrade Public Library (FOBPL) is a separate organization that operates outside the confines of Town government. We have owned, renovated and maintained the building that houses the Belgrade Public Library, along with its grounds since 2009, all without taxpayer money. On Dec. 18, 2012, the doors were opened to the new Belgrade Public Library. The Town of Belgrade leases the building for \$1 each year while the Friends of the Library pay for the lights, heat, cleaning, plowing, mowing, insurance and maintenance costs.

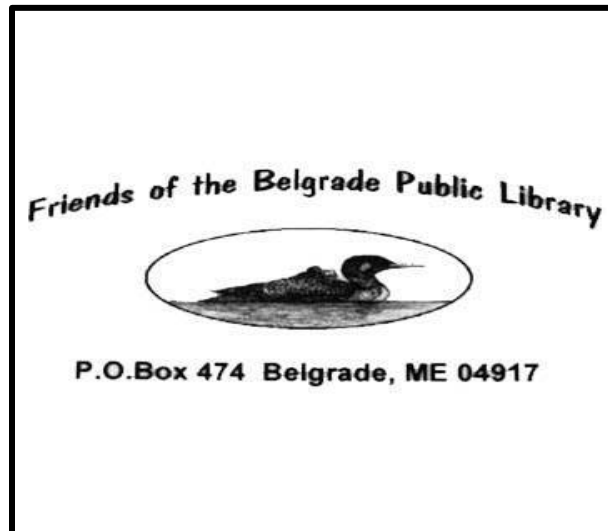
Due to the pandemic, we have had to limit our fundraising events since March 2020. However, we have been able to continue our annual yard sale and our annual July Fourth book sale with safety measures in place. This past year as we again prepared to hold our book sale on the lawn of the library, it appeared the weather was going to wash our plans away. We are grateful for all the volunteers, both local and summer visitors, who stepped up on July 2 to help us move and set up all the books in the Center for all Seasons. Just another advantage of living in a small town.

In June 2021, we were able to return to our in-person meetings at the library, 124 Depot Road. We meet at 6:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday each month. We are always looking for volunteers to join our meetings and to help with our events. We work hard, but it is rewarding and fun. All are welcome.

Donations to help with operating and maintaining the library are tax-deductible and always gratefully accepted. Checks may be made out to the Friends of the Belgrade Public Library (FOBPL), P.O. Box 474, Belgrade, ME 04917.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Johnson and Linda Sprague, Co-Presidents; Beverly Megill, Vice President; Linda Bacon, Secretary; Joan MacKenzie, Interim Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary



Recreation

With a new year comes new objectives and visions. To better serve the community, the Recreation Department proposes an increase in the 2022 budget. The department has budgeted operating costs based on the most recent pre-pandemic year of 2019. The entirety of the increase comes from personnel costs. In 2021, employees in our childcare programs were paid the minimum wage of \$12.15 per hour. That proved to be a challenge. To compete with other employers, the Town's minimum wage will be increased to \$15 per hour. A more competitive wage should allow for hiring a full staff in all childcare programs. This will better serve families.

As the Recreation Department welcomes 2022, we acknowledge the successes of the department in 2021. As in 2020, the Recreation Department safely operated our eight-week summer camp and the After-School Enrichment Program without encountering a single COVID-19 case. The department also welcomed back weekly programs such as coffee and tea on Tuesday mornings, ping-pong on Monday evenings, outdoor yoga during the summer and fall, and pickleball on Wednesday and Friday mornings. As 2021 neared its end, we said goodbye to Recreation Director Leila Shubert, who ended her many years of service to the Town.

The department achieved its plans of utilizing the beautiful Village Green for community gatherings. This outdoor venue allowed people to come together without risking the spread of COVID-19. The craft show series, which occurred once a month from May through October, was a huge success. This allowed regional vendors to be supported by patrons in the community. Additionally, the Recreation Department offered the Village Green Music Series from July through September. This series featured different musicians weekly and offered a relaxed venue for people from near and far. Because the music series is popular, the department is investing in this year's budget to continue to support it. As winter approached and the snow arrived, the Village Green gazebo hosted Santa during the Holiday Stroll. We are thankful to have the Village Green as a social hub for people of all ages to enjoy during all seasons of the year.

The Village Green, the North Belgrade Community Center and the Center for All Seasons are also great places to host your next private gathering. Whether you need a small space for a baby shower, a birthday party or a family celebration, or a larger space for a wedding or family reunion, all are great, reasonably priced local rental venues.

The Recreation Department has ambitious plans, hoping to develop a large variety of new programs while continuing to grow existing ones. To help us better achieve this, visit the Town of Belgrade website or the Belgrade Parks and Recreation Facebook page and take a survey! We can better serve the community if we hear your thoughts, ideas and interests. To stay up to date on events, programs and offerings, you can:

Follow the Recreation Department on Facebook at facebook.com/BCCforallseason.

Check out townofbelgrade.com/recreation.

Email recreation@townofbelgrade.com.

Call us at 207-495-3481.

We are always eager to help the public find resources or start new programs for the community.

Cemetery

2021 was an eventful year for Belgrade cemeteries. We completed Plan 5, Pine Grove Cemetery's newest expansion of 3,000-plus spaces abutting the Oakland Road. In 2022, people will be able to have plots and spaces in Plan 5 assigned to them. Residents who purchase perpetual care will not be able to pick their plots and spaces in Plan 5 as they could in other parts of the cemetery; the sexton will assign plots and spaces.

We trimmed some of the bushes in the cemetery and removed dead ones. The public is not allowed to plant any kind of tree, shrub or bush in Town cemeteries. Families who have previously planted vegetation are responsible for removing all dead vegetation, including flowers, and to keep bushes trimmed to a height of no more than 4 feet. Plantings that are not trimmed and maintained will be removed by the sexton. We were able to fix some headstones that fell in Woodside Cemetery. That work will continue in 2022.

We placed two trash cans in Pine Grove Cemetery for people to put their trash in; we thank people for using them and helping keep the cemetery sparkling. We also were able to provide water to the cemetery again. The Town is working with the Maine Department of Transportation to remedy the salt contamination problem that has plagued the area.

At Town Meeting, voters will consider a rewrite of the Cemetery Ordinance. Quoting from the proposed ordinance, the update is meant to "maintain the public's health and safety, and the overall beauty and harmony of the cemeteries, and to assist the town in the equitable implementation of these provisions." The rewrite is posted at townofbelgrade.com/cemetery.

If you plan to have a burial in a Town-owned cemetery, you must arrange that in advance with the sexton. Families are not allowed to do a burial on their own.

Thank you to Andy Davidson and Wesley Day, our cemetery crew in 2021, for a great job keeping the Town's seven cemeteries clean and beautiful places. Thank you also to all the many volunteers who placed flowers on graves in preparation for Memorial Day. Hallowell Construction continues to be a fantastic partner, investing a great deal of time and effort not only into digging graves but in building Plan 5. Hallowell Construction performed all the work on Plan 5 for free as a donation in memory of David Hallowell.

Lastly, we greatly appreciate the involvement of the Cemetery Committee, which advises the Board of Selectpersons on the cemeteries' maintenance and operations. Committee members are chairman Phil Sprague, Bruce Galouch, Robert Lewis, David Bonar and Michael Heino.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher P. Dutill, Sexton

Health Officer

I was sworn in as the Town's Health Officer in August. The Health Officer hears concerns of public health issues. Over the last four months of 2021, I received many questions concerning current CDC guidelines, close contact situations, quarantine, testing and vaccinations.

The CDC provides the following definitions:

Quarantine is a strategy to prevent transmission of COVID-19 by keeping people who have been in [close contact](#) with someone with COVID-19 apart from others.

Exposure is contact with someone infected with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, in a way that increases the likelihood of getting infected with the virus.

Close Contact is someone who was less than 6 feet away from an infected person for 15 or more minutes (cumulative) over a 24-hour period (exceptions to this definition for K-12 schools).

Current CDC guidelines for quarantine are as follows:

- Over age 18 and completed the vaccination series but have not received a booster when eligible.
- Received a single dose of J&J greater than two months ago and have not received a booster.
- You are not vaccinated against COVID-19.
- You should stay home and away from others for at least five days. The day after your last exposure with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 is considered day one.
- You should wear a mask when around others, at home, if possible.
- Watch for a fever (greater than 100.4), shortness of breath, cough or other COVID-19 symptoms for 10 days following your last close contact.
- Get tested and isolate immediately, if you develop symptoms.
- If you do not develop symptoms, get tested five days following your last exposure.
- If you test negative, five days following your last exposure, you may leave your home, but mask in public and around others until 10 days after your last close contact.

Symptoms of COVID-19 can appear from two to 14 days after initial exposure. Seek emergency care if you have trouble breathing, severe pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, and/or pale, gray- or blue-colored skin, lips or nails.

The best way to protect yourself from COVID-19 is through vaccinating and boosting, masking, social distancing, and practicing good hand hygiene. COVID-19 vaccination sites can be found at [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov). Information regarding COVID-19 testing is posted at [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/index.html).

It is an honor and privilege to serve as the Town of Belgrade's Health Officer. Please feel free to contact me with any health and safety concerns at healthofficer@townofbelgrade.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Clements, RN



Animal Control Officer

2021 was another challenging year. Hopefully, you, your family, friends and pets are staying safe and healthy with the continuing effects of COVID-19 and the pandemic.

Vaccinating pets was difficult for many of you this past year because of clinics being overbooked, short-staffed and temporarily closed (the same as we are seeing in our own healthcare field). Please plan ahead accordingly to keep your pet up to date on vaccines and licenses when due. Then, if there is an incident involving your pet, proper measures can be taken care of much more easily.

Over the year I continued to receive numerous complaints regarding loose dogs and dogs running at large. The Town of Belgrade has a leash law; your dog must be on a leash, under voice command, or confined to your property. If you receive a written warning and remain a habitual offender, a summons can be served under Title 7 Section 3011. As we all know, dogs accidentally get loose or lost. My job is to help get them back home quickly and safely. To protect your pet, please take responsibility and consider getting a microchip and/or a collar with a tag with your and your dog's names on it and your contact phone number. This could save hours of worry for you ... and possibly your pet's life.



As your Animal Control Officer, I want to help make your involvement and experiences with your pets a happy one. With another year of uncertainty upon us, please consider your pets well-being, give them lots of attention and love, and they will return the favor. If anyone needs help or assistance in caring for your pet, please feel free to contact me at 207-491-0410 or wdswept@tds.net.

Thank you for entrusting me to again serve as your ACO. I look forward to working with you.

Respectfully submitted,

Trisha Davis
Animal Control Officer

Review of 2021 cases

29 loose/lost dogs	2 kennel licenses
3 dog bites	5 Stray/Lost cats
1 dog to Kennebec Valley Animal Shelter (KVAS)	6 Livestock calls
6 cats to KVAS	7 Wildlife (several calls referred to game warden)
1 rabbit to KVAS	2 dogs to emergency vet clinic
1 parakeet to KVAS	

Budget Committee

The Town of Belgrade Budget Committee has been active in budget preparations this year. The six members – Jack Sutton, Tom Dowd, Katharine Damren, Bruce Galouch, Scott Ferguson and Gary Mahler – have been involved in budget preparations since September.

The Budget Committee is an advisory committee that has a vote on each warrant article with funding components. That recommendation is attached to each warrant article so voters can see how the committee voted. The committee gets the proposed budget early and meets several times with the town manager and municipal department heads to make both editorial and substantive funding changes. Finally, the Budget Committee meets with the Board of Selectpersons to finalize the budget. During this process, the committee makes suggestions, addresses changes proposed by others, and advises the Selectboard.

This year's budget effort was particularly challenging because of COVID and other problems encountered as a result of COVID. Overall, the effort to deliver a solid budget was achieved. The various department heads developed their budgets for review and did an excellent job of ensuring their budgets were in line with prescribed guidelines. An interested and active Selectboard contributed numerous questions and guidance in the budget process, as well as providing their individual votes on the final set of articles that go before the voters. The town manager and treasurer provided budget emphasis and feedback to the committee.

Members of the Budget Committee are involved in reviewing the Town investments to ensure those funds are well managed and making returns that reflect best practices in investments today.

For those citizens who are interested in how the Town works, the Budget Committee is involved in all aspects of Town finances. The committee is used by the town manager in many planning aspects, and the committee remains a viable tool for the Selectboard.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary M. Mahler, Chairman



Communications Committee

With local newspapers scaling back their coverage of town news, it's getting harder for people to know what is going on in their town. We are fortunate in Belgrade that there are other ways for people to stay informed about town news.

First, the Communications Committee produces three newsletters a year that are mailed to all households in Belgrade and is posted at townofbelgrade.com/newsletter. This is a team effort by the committee and Town of Belgrade staff. A special thank you goes out to committee member Maureen Milliken, who edits and does the layout of these publications. Our goal is to provide up-to-date information about the Selectboard and the various Town committees, the health of the lakes, elections and new staff. The Belgrade Bulletin also includes news on the lighter side, such as nature and cooking!

The newsletter is only one way for residents to be informed. Another effective way is to subscribe to email alerts sent from the Town Office. To subscribe, visit townofbelgrade.com/subscribe. You will find a menu from which you can select announcements, board and committee meeting minutes, and other information you wish to receive in your inbox.

The website at townofbelgrade.com also contains newsletter archives, and archived agendas and minutes from the Selectboard meetings, as well as other Town committees. We encourage you to visit the site, which not only contains information about board meetings, but also information about elections and voting, permits, licenses, and recreational activities in the town.

One of the goals of the Communications Committee in 2022 is to find ways to get information about Belgrade in local newspapers and other media sources. We welcome any suggestions to help us accomplish this goal.

The other main function of the Communications Committee is to hold candidate forums for Belgrade municipal elections, such as the Selectboard and the RSU 18 School Board. Our next forum will be a hybrid forum which will be held in person at the Town Office and on Zoom at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16. The Zoom link will be posted on the calendar at townofbelgrade.com. We are pleased the forums have been well-attended remotely and that we can continue to offer both a remote and in-person option. Town Manager Anthony Wilson also posts the forums afterward on the Town of Belgrade, Maine Facebook page and at townofbelgrade.com/CommunityConversations so viewers can watch them at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Coppens, Chair; Brian Beaupain, Melanie Jewell, Maureen Milliken and Patty Vonlderstine

Senior Resources Committee

The Senior Resources Committee is happy to announce Belgrade now has a dedicated “Senior Center.” The Board of Selectpersons has designated the North Belgrade Community Center as the Town’s Senior Center. Having a place where seniors can gather is important. The programming offered there may include, but is not limited to, personal growth classes, movement activities that may include dancing, yoga for seniors, crafts, bingo games, puzzles, and general socialization.

It is important our community provides seniors with resources to help them live well. By keeping them active mentally and physically, our seniors stay stronger. Doing so also helps support their independent living, which is vital for those who want to age in place in their homes. The Town of Belgrade has taken the first step in promoting healthy living for seniors by providing a space to call their own.

The committee’s goal is to have programming in place by May 2022 for at least two days a week. The implementation of how much programming can be put into place will depend heavily on volunteers. The committee does not want to take away from activities currently being offered at other locations, but rather to enhance programming opportunities.

Our current activities have consisted of the following, with some of these slated for implementation in January 2022:

Distribution of File of Life Folders – currently available at the Town Office, 990 Augusta Road.

Distribution of a survey to seniors. Currently available at the Town Office, this survey will assist the town in becoming an age-friendly community and members of AARP.

Sand Buckets for Seniors – delivered by volunteers. This program has been in place since November and has been successful. Call the Town Office at 207-495-2258 for details.

A quarterly senior newsletter that will be available to seniors on the Town’s website at townofbelgrade.com/seniors and in print form at locations around town.

Notifications of items of interest and senior programming on the Town of Belgrade Facebook page.

Revision of the Senior Resource’s brochure, which will provide seniors with resources.

We look forward to adding to the above activities. Please watch the Town’s website and Facebook notifications of our May 2022 programming! We have an active group of volunteers – all of whom bring something to the table!

Respectfully submitted,

Tasha Gradie and Mary Vogel, co-chairs; and Loyce Hayslett, Betty Weaver, Christine Peatfield, Kim Haggan, Sue Bradshaw, Gail Barejka, Karen McFadden, Doris Mathias and Hillary Tatem

Dams Committee 2021 Annual Report and 2022 Budget Request

To the Towns of **Belgrade, Mt. Vernon, Oakland, Rome
and Sidney**

Members of inter-local agreement for management of
Belgrade area dams



Mother Nature was good to us this past year, giving us just enough rain to maintain the water level management plan we are charged with implementing. The four Belgrade area lakes under the auspices of the Dams Committee are now at normal winter water storage levels as we look forward to spring ice out.

Normal maintenance and repairs were successfully conducted on all three dams this past year in addition to successful completion in October of remediation of Long Pond’s 106-year-old Wings Mill Dam.

For 2022, in addition to \$20,000 for the continuing preventive maintenance and repairs on all three dams, the Dams Committee is requesting an additional \$32,849 for driveway work at the Wings Mill site, many scheduled repairs and work on the other two dams, and establishment of a \$15,000 capital reserve account to help offset future large project expenditures. This should also negate large fluctuations in annual budget requests when infrastructure projects are needed. The detail of the 2022 budget request is below:

Total request of \$52,850, including the above \$20K:		<u>Share of cost</u>	<u>Shoreline miles</u>
Belgrade	\$25,368	48%	37.6
Rome	\$12,155	23%	17.8
Oakland	\$ 7,399	14%	11.3
Sidney	\$ 4,228	8%	6.3
Mt. Vernon	\$ 3,699	7%	5.5

Members of the Dams Committee would like to thank the residents and officials of the five communities involved in this local governmental partnership for their continued assistance and support. Enjoy the lakes!

Respectfully submitted on behalf of all members of the Belgrade Area Dams Committee
Dick Greenan, Committee Chairman

7 Lakes Alliance

In 2021, the Town of Belgrade's support was critical to 7 Lakes Alliance's successful erosion control and invasive plant prevention and remediation (variable milfoil) work, leveraging funding from state and private sources. Shorefront properties represent 60 percent of Belgrade's tax base. Investing in lakes keeps taxes low and maintains local jobs. Healthy lakes also provide recreational opportunities for all.

Preventing and remediating invasive aquatic plants: Courtesy boat inspectors (CBIs) help prevent the introduction and spread of invasive plants into and throughout the lakes. Supported by partners including the Town of Belgrade, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Belgrade Lakes Association (BLA) and private donors, 7 Lakes employed 27 students and community members as CBIs. CBIs conducted 9,689 inspections between May and September at six boat launches in the Belgrade area. Of those inspections, 2,888 were at Long Pond and 4,064 at Great Pond. CBIs twice stopped invasive plants from entering lakes. Inspectors removed 105 native plant fragments from boats at Great and Long Pond launches.

With funding from the above contributors, 7 Lakes removed 30,530 gallons of variable milfoil from Great Pond, including Great Meadow Stream and nearby tributaries. Aggressive removal efforts have kept this infestation from spreading. 7 Lakes also installed about 1 acre of bottom barriers to suppress plant growth.

To help detect potential infestations, 75% of Great and Long Pond shorelines were "adopted" by volunteers through the Adopt-A-Shoreline program. 7 Lakes teams surveyed at-risk areas of both lakes. \$231,354 was spent on invasive milfoil programs. Volunteers contributed 267 hours to this effort.

Controlling erosion to prevent algal blooms and improve water quality: 7 Lakes worked to keep dirt and the algae-feeding phosphorus it carries out of the lakes to prevent algal blooms that can turn lakes green, interfere with recreation and property use, lower property values and threaten health.

7 Lakes' Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) employed 12 students in 2021. They completed 58 erosion control projects on Belgrade lakes and 21 others on upstream lakes. We plan to significantly increase the number of projects in 2022 to help implement the Great Pond Watershed-based Management Plan, approved by DEP.

7 Lakes has received new grant funding for 2022-23 to fund erosion control projects on Great Pond, McGrath Pond and Salmon Lake. Typical projects include rebuilding town and private gravel roads and driveways, replacing failed and undersized culverts, installing ditches to improve drainage, and installing buffers to stabilize shorelines. Grants typically require a 50-percent match from landowners, be they a town, road association, private citizen, or commercial business. Eligible projects benefit lake water quality by reducing erosion and help implement watershed management plans. 7 Lakes has received grants to fund projects in the McGrath Pond-Salmon Lake watershed since 2019, in partnership with the McGrath Pond-Salmon Lake Association and the towns of Belgrade and Oakland. We recently completed projects on both lakes and in both towns. Based on watershed surveys of Long Pond and Messalonskee Lake, we hope additional grants can be secured.

If you have an erosion issue or a problem road, buffer, or shoreline, call 7 Lakes at 207-495-6039, email info@7lakesalliance.org or visit 7lakesalliance.org for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Rose Day, President and CEO, 7 Lakes Alliance

Belgrade Lakes Association

We are proudly the oldest lake association in the state of Maine having been established in 1908. Our mission is to “protect and improve the watershed of Great Pond and Long Pond through preservation, education and action.” We are grateful for the continued support from the Town of Belgrade in assisting us in fighting milfoil in Great Pond.



In 2022, we will continue to:

- Battle milfoil in Great Pond to ensure it does not spread throughout our lakes. Last year, we removed 30,530 gallons of milfoil and placed 46,400 square feet of burlap on the lake’s bottom to help prevent it from growing back.
- Fund the Courtesy Boat Inspector (CBI) program to provide coverage at our boat ramps from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day from Memorial Day through Labor Day, making sure milfoil and other invasive plants do not enter or leave our lakes on boats or trailers.
- Work with the Adopt-A-Shoreline program to keep eyes on the water looking for invasives.
- Fund the work of LakeSmart and the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) to assist waterfront owners in improving their property to reduce pollution.
- Coordinate activities with the 7 Lakes Alliance and Colby College to continue water-quality research and monitoring activities.
- Financially support an erosion control coordinator to specifically work on implementing our watershed surveys.
- Support our Loon Preservation Project to ensure we have these lyrical birds as part of the experience of the Belgrades!

Both our lakes have completed recent watershed surveys, with the Great Pond survey being the basis for generous 319 federal grant monies to work on sites on Great Pond. This winter, the Long Pond survey report will be prepared to apply to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection for grant monies for projects on that lake. These plans provide a blueprint for action for the next 10 years. Our major focus will be on remediation of identified properties on both lakes – individual property owners, camp roads, municipal- and state-owned properties, as well as commercial locations.

We are working to maintain and improve the water quality by keeping phosphorus out of the lakes. Water runs downhill and takes dirt with it. That is a huge problem. We will be looking for everyone’s support and help to **KEEP THE DIRT OUT OF THE LAKES.** The Town is the recipient of significant monies from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and one of the eligible expenditures is water quality. We will be advocating for spending some of those funds to rectify Town-owned properties and roads identified in the watershed surveys.

Visit our website at belgradelakesassociation.org for more information and join us in our endeavors. We want to make sure the lakes remain clear and enjoyable for our children, grandchildren and generations to come.

McGrath Pond & Salmon Lake Association

McGrath Pond (465 acres) and Salmon Lake (665 acres) are joined by a navigable narrow and lie between Great Pond and Messalonskee Lake. Their waters flow into Great Pond, so measures to maintain and improve their water quality benefit Great Pond, Long Pond, and Messalonskee. The shorelines of both McGrath Pond and Salmon Lake lie in Belgrade and in Oakland.

McGrath Pond-Salmon Lake Association works to improve water quality and build community, educating people about best management practices, encouraging participation in lake stewardship, and informing members of threats to water quality and the lake environment. In 1998, we embarked on a comprehensive watershed survey to learn where nutrient-rich runoff was entering the lakes, especially during storm events. As a result, problems on more than 100 shoreline properties were remediated, saving about 14 tons of nutrient-rich runoff from reaching the lakes during the next two decades.

A second comprehensive watershed survey in 2017 revealed 105 properties needing improvement to prevent runoff from causing water problems such as algal blooms. We are working with 7 Lakes Alliance, the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC), the Maine DEP (under federal grants), and using funds from the towns of Belgrade and Oakland to work with shoreline property owners to remediate problems.

Our thanks to the citizens of Belgrade for the \$2,500 the Town contributed toward this effort during the past year. The goal is to keep phosphorous and other nutrients from running into the lakes during storms because those feeds algae, diminishing enjoyment of the water and damaging fisheries. All of that lowers property values and ultimately affects the town's tax base.

The town's funding also supports courtesy boat inspections (CBI), the YCC's work, and Lake Smart programs. CBIs take place throughout the summer at the public boat landing on Salmon Lake. Inspectors stop the introduction of invasive plants into the lake and educate boat-owners about prevention. The YCC installs stormwater runoff controls such as water-diversion bars, vegetative buffers, infiltration steps, and erosion-control mulch. The idea is to deflect or slow water, so it settles into the earth before reaching the lakes. The Lake Smart program evaluates shoreline properties to help owners make them more lake-friendly and beautiful. To date, our team has performed 50 evaluations and awarded 26 certifications, with more evaluations lined up for this summer.

The pandemic year was challenging. Our inability to gather has hindered many of our regular activities, including our summertime annual meeting. But we did hold that successfully as a Zoom webinar in early August. We look forward to continuing our efforts in person as the pandemic abates in 2021.

Board of Directors

Lenny Reich, President
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LakeSmart evaluators

Dave Hallee
Kim Hallee

Friends of Messalonskee

Friends of Messalonskee doubled its “normal” working capacity in 2021 by adding a watershed survey. The survey allows us to apply for government grants to help landowners in our watershed to repair trouble spots and keep groundwater runoff out of the lake. On Sept. 29-30, volunteers walked almost the entire 46 square-mile watershed. The survey found 247 documented sites having an impact on the lake. Those are mainly residential properties (51%), driveways (14%), private camp roads (13%), and town roads (6%). Most (91%) are either low- or medium-impact sites related to the lack of or inadequate shoreline vegetation on residential shorefront properties or needed pathway and/or driveway improvements. There were 23 high-impact sites. FOM appreciates all of our community members who gave their time and talents to make our survey a success.

FOM managed its regular schedule of programs, too. Our courtesy boat inspectors inspected just shy of 3,000 boats this summer. They found 32 plants, 16 of which were invasive species.

Our milfoil crew hand-pulled 15,300 pounds of milfoil this summer and installed 8,500 square feet of barriers. New England Milfoil spent October on the lake suction-harvesting milfoil. The company harvested 2,880 gallons (or 24,034 pounds) of milfoil from the lake.

Nine families and two condo communities invited our LakeSmart team to walk their properties and recommend improvements to halt stormwater runoff. We are adding to our LakeSmart volunteers in 2022 so we can expand the program further. Messalonskee is among the Maine lakes officially designated as threatened. LakeSmart works to develop an environmental ethic among property owners to keep out phosphorus and other poisons that feed algae blooms.

We appreciate the financial and volunteer support from the Town of Belgrade and its residents. Our lakes bring visitors to our region and keep many of our businesses booming.



Community volunteers on the first day of our watershed survey

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Warner, Friends of Messalonskee President

Belgrade/Rome Special Needs Food Pantry

The food pantry is located at the North Belgrade Community Center, 508 Smithfield Road (Route 8), and is open from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. every Tuesday to all residents of Belgrade and Rome. We have food collection boxes located at both Belgrade post offices, as well as the Rome and Belgrade town offices. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, our pantry has continued to serve the needs of our communities. We have been open every Tuesday, following all CDC guidelines, and have been able to provide our clients a week's worth of food and household supplies.

We serve on average 30-40 clients each month. Last winter, we implemented what we intended to be a temporary policy under which clients could come every other week. Because it was well received, we decided to make it a permanent policy. So now our clients can come twice a month and get a week's worth of food and household items each time. We were able to make this change because of the generosity of our donors, communities and volunteers.

In 2019, we began a community outreach program to purchase healthy snack items for Belgrade Central School students. This program provides a healthy snack option for those children who come to school without a snack. In 2021, we continued this program and have increased our budget for it, enabling us to provide more snacks.

Another service we have been able to provide because of generous donations is our basket program. We have in the past given out a holiday basket in December, which includes all the fixings for a Christmas dinner. In 2021, we also gave out a spring basket with all the necessary food for an Easter dinner, and a summer basket so our clients could have a summer barbecue.

In October, we said goodbye to Marylou Butterfield. She volunteered at the pantry for more than 17 years and had been our chairperson for more than 12 years. Under Marylou's leadership, we moved into a bigger location and streamlined our purchasing and other procedures. She will be missed, but we wish her many years of enjoyment with her family.

We are always looking for ways to connect with people in need. If you or anyone you know need food assistance, please contact us. You can contact us by reaching out to the Belgrade Town Office at 207-495-2258 or through our Facebook page – Belgrade/Rome Special Needs Food Pantry. We would like to thank all our volunteers for stepping up and serving our communities. If you have an interest in volunteering or have suggestions or questions about the pantry, please reach out through our Facebook page.

Respectfully submitted,

Hazel Labbe, Food Pantry Chairperson

Other board members: Evelyn Fowler, Secretary; Tony Mastromarino, Treasurer; Anne Grier, Volunteer Coordinator; Eleanor Collinsworth, Lisa Day, Nicole Williams

Belgrade Historical Society

Despite challenges presented by the ongoing COVID pandemic, the Belgrade Historical Society (BHS) had a successful year. As the pandemic continued to place restrictions on indoor gatherings, the BHS has adjusted and continued to provide our community with historical programming. This past summer, the Historical Society participated in the outdoor craft fairs on the Village Green with mini exhibits of items in our collection. Folks were entertained examining antique kitchenware, buttons and other notions, and memorabilia of the Belgrade Hotel.

Eric Hooglund, BHS curator, entertained everyone at the 100th birthday of The Village Inn with a wonderful history of the inn and its predecessor, The Locust House. In addition, Eric and BHS President Dianne Dowd offered a lively presentation of Belgrade history to an enrichment class at Belgrade Central School.

Our scheduled webinar on the Maine Chance Farm was affected by the microburst that hit Belgrade Lakes Village on the night of our presentation, but the program is available on our website at belgradehistoricalsociety.org. Also on our website is a video of “Maine’s Big Trees,” a presentation that was part of Belgrade’s Community Reads program for which the BHS was a contributing partner.

Exterior work on Belgrade’s Old Town Meeting House continued this spring/summer with new clapboards, new granite steps, railings and a fresh coat of paint. We thank our vendors, contractor Andrew A. Wilkie, painter Chris Powell, Hammond Lumber, McCormack Building Supply, York Landscaping, John Gawler for gutters and metal roof repair, and the BHS team of Rod Johnson and Bob Lewis for a job well done. The Old Town Meeting House is being refitted with new lights and electrical work by Generators of Maine in anticipation of a grand reopening in the summer of 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Belgrade Historical Society Board

The Old Town Meeting House as of
December 2021



Belgrade Draggin' Masters Snowmobile Club

The Belgrade Draggin' Masters Snowmobile Club is happy to report club meetings started on time this year. Trail crews were busy this fall, as usual. We got basic work done early in the season on most sections of trail. We also completed some bridge and ramp repairs. Some work must wait until things freeze solid so we can access some work areas.

The club invites you to check out its website at belgradedragginmastersssc.com. Our updated website truly promotes Belgrade-area recreational activities and businesses. It is about much more than just snowmobiling, as we try to provide information that promotes all winter activities. We provide up-to-date trail conditions and information on current activities. The club welcomes suggestions or information that would be beneficial for the website.

The club thanks voters for their continued support by providing us access to snowmobile registration dollars shared from the State of Maine. These funds are used for material costs incurred to maintain the Belgrade trail system (43 land miles). We also raise monies to support an annual donation to the Belgrade/Rome Special Needs Food Pantry. As a club, we put in more than 700 hours of labor at no charge and provide numerous pieces of expensive equipment plus materials. It is totally a volunteer effort. Because of this group, the snowmobile trail system is well maintained and is an important asset to the town. The 43 miles of snowmobile trails are also great for hiking/walking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing – nicely groomed trails with no user fees! Special notice: Some trails used for anything other than snowmobiling may require landowner permission that we cannot provide. We continue to have one of the best maintained local trail systems in all of Maine.

Local businesses continue to support our efforts through donations. The club extends special thanks as we have received some generous donations. Because we are a working club, all club dollars are spent supporting our activities, materials and equipment. At several intersections along the trails, we have posted signs advertising many of those businesses. We also list the businesses on our website. Thank you for your continued support!

On behalf of the club, I would like to thank all the landowners. We appreciate your generosity in allowing us to cross your lands and to maintain the trails. We hope to be able to schedule a landowners' supper this year. In the meantime, should you have any problems or concerns during the season, feel free to contact me at (207) 495-3452. I or another club member will be sure to give immediate attention to your concerns.

Again, thanks to all townspeople for your continued support. Happy trails/riding, skiing, snowshoeing and hiking to all!

Sincerely,

Ernest Rice

President, Belgrade Draggin' Masters Snowmobile Club

Don C. Stevens Trust Fund Advisory Committee

The students of Belgrade Central School are fortunate to benefit from the generosity of Don. C. Stevens, whose foresight provided this trust- fund. The fund supports students by providing 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 by allowing them to participate in artistic and cultural experiences without needing to increase the school budget.

We are hopeful for a more normal school year next year. We did our best to plan for possible experiences, including a puppetry residency, a dance and movement residency, and a watercolor artist. This year we were once again unable to host visitors at BCS, but this spring and next fall we hope to fund more programs.

The Fund also provides many materials that reach every student, such as extra art, reading, math and science materials that are both much needed and well used. Classroom libraries continue to grow. This year we focused on funding guided reading books to support our small group reading and continuing to build our math and science resources.

Finally, our school library has been able to arrange the annual visit of children’s book authors and illustrators. This fall we had a virtual author visit from Sarah L. Thomson, who was able to provide insight on her young adult novel for our grades 3-5 students. A second author, Lynn Plourde, will visit the PreK-2 students virtually in the spring.

Our annual meeting will be held on January 25, 2023. As always, this committee truly enjoys the work it does, helping to provide enriching experiences for the children of Belgrade Central School.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Dunbar (chair), Heather DiGirolamo, Sara Lozefski, Jill Mackenzie and Alyssa Tibbetts

	2021 Proposed	2021 Spent	2022 Proposed
Miscellaneous	\$100	\$0	\$100
Parent Folders	\$500	\$438.75	\$500
Teacher Supplies	\$4400	\$4020.40	\$2500
PCAC	\$2000	\$2000	\$4000
Math/Science Materials	\$1500	\$1066.41	\$700
Field Trips	\$0	\$0	\$0
Library	\$2000	\$1700	\$2000
Black Bear Book Awards	\$300	\$309.57	\$300
Supplemental	\$4200	\$3988.61	\$4200
Totals	\$15,000	\$13,523.74	\$14,300

The Robert A. Guptill Historical Trust Fund

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

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

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

INTEREST AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE YEAR

Beginning Jan. 2021 Balance..... **\$1,499.91**

(No activity in the calendar year 2021)

Ending December 2021 Balance **\$1,499.91**

****Due to COVID-19 these funds have not been used in 2021****

Respectfully submitted,
Gwen Bacon, Principal
Belgrade Central School

RSU 18

We have great schools in RSU 18, a supportive community and so many impressive young people who make our future bright. Over the past two years, our district has successfully managed some challenging times. That has involved keeping our schools open and our students and staff safe and coming together as a community while keeping true to our core values of academic achievement and maintaining a positive, safe school culture.

Because of this dedication, our youngest students still learned to decode the English language and begin to read, the foundations of mathematics, and, most importantly, how to learn. Our middle schools provided academic interventions to help students get up to speed if they find themselves behind and allowed others to soar into more challenging topics if they are ready. Middle school is all about meeting each student's needs, and our two middle schools excel at this. At Messalonskee High School, we promote numerous pathways to success, and the pandemic did not prevent this. Every student is different, and they don't need to all take the same courses to be considered academically successful. In 2021, our Advanced Placement scores were higher than most schools in the state and across the country. Students at all academic levels earned college credits by taking dual enrollment courses, and we sent a strong contingency of well-prepared students to trade schools.

Safe schools and a positive culture can mean many things. Over the past year, keeping people safe from COVID-19 has been a big part of what we do. That has meant erecting tents to let students have more time outside, spreading out students in classrooms, creating paths outside so students can spread out between classes, improving air-handling systems, and providing resources from PPE to extra classroom materials so students don't pass materials back and forth.

School safety also means creating a classroom environment where students can take a risk to ask questions and creating a culture where anytime students start to feel despair, they have peers and adults they are comfortable reaching out to. Our teachers, social workers, support staff, nurses, students and administrators work together to make our schools safe.

If you have not driven around our district, you should do so. At the high school, the new athletic complex is one of the best in the state. The bus garage, the new access road and sidewalks not only look great but have made traffic and walking paths much safer in Oakland for everyone. We have put new roofs on most schools and upgraded air-handling systems, and are replacing windows, redoing siding, repaving parking lots and sprucing up playgrounds. Our district looks fantastic. Most importantly, these improvements have made schools safer and more comfortable for learning.

Thank you to our staff, our community, and our students. We are better together, and over this past year, together we have done great things. Here is to a healthy 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Gartley, Superintendent of Schools, RSU 18

Town Clerk

This past year has brought lots of changes for our office. In September, we said good-bye to Deputy Clerk Sheila Thorne and wished her well in her new position with the Town of Oakland. We are happy to announce two new deputies have joined us. We welcome Deb Nichols, former Town Clerk for the Town of Readfield. Deb brings a wealth of municipal experience to Belgrade. We also welcome Frank Haggan, formerly from Maine State DHHS and most recently from L.L. Bean. Both are welcomed additions to our staff.

The Town Office staff serves our residents with the issuance of birth, death and marriage certificates, burial permits, and licenses for the town. Other duties include the issuance of licenses for dogs, fishing and hunting, and recreational licensing of ATVs, snowmobiles, and boats, along with motor vehicle and trailer registrations. We administer elections, oaths of office and notary services. The office has five notaries and a Dedimus Justice.

Over the past year the office has recorded:

Dog licenses – 517 (includes online)

Junkyard permits – 2

Liquor licenses – 5

The Town held four elections/town meetings in 2021:

Town Meeting Election – March 20, 2021 – 452 voters participated

School & Municipal Election – June 8, 2021 – 159 voters participated

State Referendum – November 2, 2021 – 1,270 voters participated

Special Town Meeting – November 16, 2021 – 46 voters participated

As of Dec. 31, 2021, the number of registered voters by party were Republicans – 1,017; unenrolled – 953; Democrats – 765; and Green Independents – 125.

Business Sole Proprietor Requirements: The Town Office would like to remind those entering business as sole proprietors of a state requirement for a filing of a certificate with the town, which includes a \$10 fee. Whenever any person intends to engage in such business as sole proprietor thereof, and to adopt any business name other than his own name exclusively, he shall, before commencing business, deposit in the office of the clerk of the town in which such business is to be carried on a certificate signed and sworn to by him, setting forth his name and place of residence, the name, style or designation under which the business is to be conducted, and stating that he is the sole proprietor. Ideally, we would like to start listing our local businesses on our Town of Belgrade website.

In closing, I would like to thank all the staff at the Town Office for all the help and support. I would like to thank Charlene Houle (my ever-faithful employee), Nick Poole for always being there to assist the front office and the Town Manager Anthony Wilson for always being ready to lend a helping hand. I have truly hit the jackpot and feel very fortunate to work with such a great staff!

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Vogel, Town Clerk

**Town of Belgrade
Death Annual Report**

Decedent Name	Age	Resident Town	Date of Death
Batchelder,Raymond E	71	Belgrade	06/09/2021
Bennett,Clarence William	92	Belgrade	10/02/2021
Bourque,Thomas G. Leo	38	Belgrade	02/11/2021
Bridgham,Donald Everett	86	Belgrade	02/19/2021
Buck,George B. III	75	Belgrade	03/05/2021
Campbell,Donald W.	85	Belgrade	04/22/2021
Campbell,Terrance Lewis	79	Belgrade	12/21/2021
Caret,Connie L.	64	Belgrade	10/27/2021
Carlson,Chance C.	49	Belgrade	02/16/2021
Clair,Lorette M.	90	Belgrade	03/26/2021
Cochran,Ricky N	53	Belgrade	07/03/2021
Fuller,Gary Robert	58	Belgrade	09/18/2021
Gagnon,Reginald Joseph	88	Belgrade	04/18/2021
Graves,Mary Ann	81	Belgrade	12/18/2021
Haney,Scott T.	57	Belgrade	12/28/2021
King,Cherryl Lee	73	Belgrade	08/01/2021
Lachance,Fernand Henry Sr	74	Belgrade	09/14/2021
Marden,Margaret Ann	83	Belgrade	03/27/2021
McManus,Peter Britton	75	Belgrade	05/24/2021
Meserve,Clifton Henry	68	Belgrade	03/26/2021
Pelotte,Linda A.	73	Belgrade	07/22/2021
Perkins,Donald John	63	Belgrade	08/19/2021
Salmon,Marcia Susan	76	Belgrade	03/13/2021
Stratton,Charles A. Sr.	64	Belgrade	07/24/2021
Thibeault,Jack David	62	Belgrade	10/11/2021
Tobey,Oliver George Jr	85	Belgrade	05/06/2021
Tripp,Richard W.	87	Belgrade	02/07/2021
Veilleux,Linda Ann	66	Belgrade	01/09/2021
Violette,Shannon Marie	47	Belgrade	05/16/2021
Webber,Lulie Opal	99	Belgrade	01/12/2021
Whalen,Esther Louise	65	Belgrade	01/16/2021
Yotides,Spiro James	93	Belgrade	06/26/2021
Total			34

**Town of Belgrade
Annual Marriage Report**

Party A Current Name	Party B Current Name	Party A Residence	Party B Residence	Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage City
Beliveau, Jenna Marie	Leclerc, Jason Brian	Waterville	Waterville	06/18/2021	Belgrade
Armstrong, Sarah Marie	Staples, Michael John	Mendon, MA	Mendon, MA	06/25/2021	Belgrade
Guerra, Brittany Lynn	Valentino, Anthony Michael	Belgrade		06/25/2021	Belgrade
Skinner, Cynthia Marie	Roach, David William	Belgrade	Wiscasset	09/18/2021	Belgrade
Glines, Seth David	Jefferson, Robin Marie	Waterville	Waterville	08/14/2021	Belgrade
Oliver, Holly Mae	Hale, Jordan Taylor	Belgrade	Belgrade	07/23/2021	Belgrade
Veilleux, Krista Eva	Pearl, Edward Irwin Jr	Belgrade	Belgrade	07/31/2021	Augusta
Cooke, Debra Lord	Scully, Sean Paul	Belgrade	San Antonio, TX	09/04/2021	Belgrade
Lachance, Renee Dawn	Kimball, Jarrod James	Augusta	Augusta	08/01/2021	Belgrade
Sher, Victoria Allison	Ferrall, Robert John	Philadelphia, PA	Philadelphia, PA	07/28/2021	Belgrade
Day, Celine Meredith	Philbrick-Michaud, Justin	Sidney	Sidney	08/07/2021	Belgrade
Gauvin, Anne Frances	St. Michel, Brandon David	Augusta	Augusta	09/18/2021	Belgrade
Pino, Valerie R	Figueroa, Carlos Ruben Jr	Belgrade	Belgrade	09/25/2021	Belgrade
Watson, Lynn Frances	Gates, Justin Tyler	Belgrade	Belgrade	08/28/2021	Pittston
Waller, Jessica Davis	Dickens, Andrew Nicholas	Nobleboro	Nobleboro	08/21/2021	Belgrade
Smith, Jacob Thomas	Johnson, Molly Colleen	Hamilton, VA	Hamilton, VA	10/09/2021	Belgrade
Skinner, John Gregory	Moulton, Aliah Lee	Belgrade	Belgrade	08/28/2021	Belgrade
Merrow, Michael Jonathan	Merrow, Carrie Ellen	Belgrade	Belgrade	10/23/2021	Belgrade
Wilson, Nichole Leigh	Willett, Travis Lee	Belgrade	Belgrade	09/18/2021	Belgrade
Nickless, Kianna Lynn	Windham, Ethan Valour	Belgrade	Bluff City, TN	09/04/2021	Oakland
Pfueger, Nicole Christir	Maupin, Addison -	Gardiner	Gardiner	09/25/2021	Belgrade
Beauchesne, Christoph	Orsi, Emilee August	Westbrook	Westbrook	09/18/2021	Belgrade
Hawes, Marissa Lynne	Bickford, Brandon Kyle	Belgrade	Belgrade	10/16/2021	Winthrop
Wadleigh, Bridget Lynn	Bellows, Chelsea Diandra	Fairfield	Fairfield	10/16/2021	Belgrade
Morin, Alex Thomas	Liebowitz, Selena Mae	Belgrade	Belgrade	10/10/2021	Belgrade
Bassett, John William	Harris, Kelly Jean	Belgrade	Belgrade	10/31/2021	Manchester
Allen-Boutin, Jessica L	Rouleau, Maxwell Nicholas	Belgrade	Belgrade	12/03/2021	Belgrade
Laposata, Maria Nell	Pfister, Nicholas Arnold	Los Angeles, CA	Los Angeles, CA	12/20/2021	Belgrade
Whitney, Rena Rhannon	Mullins, William Allen	Belgrade	Belgrade	03/01/2021	Belgrade
LeBlanc, Simera Marie	Curlew, Stephen Timothy	Buxton	Buxton	06/26/2021	Belgrade
Peatfield, Robert Sherw	Poulin, Christine H	Belgrade	Belgrade	06/25/2021	Belgrade
Fisher, Christine Marie	Foster, James Vincent IV	East Bridgewater, MA	East Bridgewater, MA	05/29/2021	Belgrade
Duvall, Lindsey Marie	Nichols, Nathaniel Jacob	Winslow		06/26/2021	Belgrade
Total				33	

2021 Outstanding taxes as of December 31, 2021

176 AUGUSTA ROAD APARTMENTS LLC	2021	1,945.63
176 AUGUSTA ROAD APARTMENTS LLC	2021	1,300.99
2 G'S TRANSPORTATION INC	2021	198.75
2 G's TRANSPORTATION INC	2021	189.44
2 G'S TRANSPORTATION INC	2021	198.75
312 TIMBERPOINT ROAD TRUST	2021	6,922.29
ADINOLFI, THOMAS M	2021	1,085.39
AINSLIE, VICKI	2021	6.03
ALEXANDER CHARLES	2021	228.26
AMIK REALTY LLC	2021	7,001.09
ARDITO RALPH	2021	1,956.16
ASHLAND BRIAN & DORI	2021	357.14
BATCHELDER, LINDA	2021	2,397.49
BEATIE POLLY PARKHILL	2021	229.81
BEATIE POLLY PARKHILL	2021	8,894.32
BEATIE POLLY PARKHILL	2021	57.46
BELGRADE LAKES CAMPS CONDO ASSOC.	2021	0.25
BELGRADE LAKES SUMMER CAMPS LLC	2021	119.57
BELGRADE LAKES SUMMER CAMPS LLC	2021	2,041.91
BELLAVANCE RONALD J & DIANA F	2021	408.38
BELSERENE MARK M & JOLENE A	2021	3,763.94
BERUBE GERARD	2021	878.88
BICKFORD DIANE	2021	0.47
BICKFORD THOMAS & PAULA	2021	1,285.70
BITSKO, FRANK T	2021	2,521.71
BLASENAK, JOHN H	2021	0.60
BOLOBANIC JOSEPH	2021	282.61
BONNEFACE, DARLENE	2021	490.68
BORMAN, MEGAN P	2021	3,453.38
BRANN, ROBERTO	2021	229.81
BURGESS CHRIS J	2021	666.14
BURNHAM, LYLE	2021	366.46
BURRILL LINDSEY A	2021	1,107.13
CARET PAUL & CONNIE	2021	1,541.91
CAREY JAMES JEFFREY	2021	3,285.68
CAREY, JASON	2021	3,743.76
CAROLUS FRANCES DE MOES	2021	14.85
CASTLE ISLAND LAND CONSERVANCY	2021	0.22
CASWELL, MARGARET G	2021	5,588.45
CHARLES, ARTHUR J	2021	1.88
CLARK DOUGLAS & KATHERINE	2021	26.60
COLBY SUSAN M	2021	3,178.58
COLBY SUSAN M	2021	777.94
CONANT MELISSA ROSE	2021	645.96
COTE HENRY R & CAROL A	2021	930.72
CROSBY, DONALD L	2021	1,621.10
DAMON JEFFREY P	2021	2,071.41
DAVIS JEFFREY & REBECCA	2021	838.50

DICKEY DENNIS R	2021	432.92
DINGUS LAURENCE	2021	2,006.20
DINGUS LAURENCE	2021	835.39
DOUCETTE DAVID	2021	984.46
DULAC PAULA B & E.S.	2021	5,779.45
DUNN, IAN E	2021	111.80
DYER JONATHAN & SYLVIA	2021	1,549.67
EDGECOMB PATRICIA	2021	23.29
ELLIS BEVERLY & DIANA	2021	17.08
ELLIS DIANA	2021	346.27
ELLIS DIANA	2021	149.07
ELLIS KIMBERLY J	2021	1,156.54
EMMONS DEAN R.	2021	383.54
ENDICOTT JOHN W	2021	18.37
ENGEL, JOHN S	2021	0.79
ERMATINGER TIMOTHY C	2021	9.20
FAUCHER JEFFREY J	2021	1,467.38
FERELLEC WILLIAM M	2021	2.04
FINLEY, MARTIN S JR	2021	866.45
FISHER TIMOTHY & KAREN	2021	2,474.48
FITZ JAMES E & MARGARET E	2021	2,390.41
FRENCH FREDERICK E JR	2021	163.04
FRENCH GREGORY	2021	1,386.63
FRENCH HELEN	2021	1,114.89
GARDNER NEIL L	2021	181.68
GARDNER, NEIL L	2021	2,197.91
GENNESS SHERRIE & CLAY	2021	2,316.70
GILBERT, HEATHER M	2021	377.32
GRANT, JEFFREY R	2021	1,045.02
HA, TUNG	2021	1,155.27
HARTLEY COLBY & JESSICA HARTLEY	2021	235.30
HARWOOD, KAREN R & RODENHISER, ALAN LEONARD	2021	37.54
HAWES KEVIN	2021	715.83
HAWES KEVIN	2021	572.97
HAWES KEVIN	2021	524.84
HAWES KEVIN S	2021	496.89
HAWES KEVIN S	2021	161.49
HAWES, KEVIN	2021	430.12
HAWES, KEVIN S	2021	91.61
HENDERSON, RICHARD A	2021	1,080.74
HINKER, KEVIN P	2021	1,920.79
HU, YOU HUA	2021	1,440.98
J & J HOLDINGS LLC	2021	1,914.57
JACOBS, JOHN JAY	2021	166.15
JAMES DONALD WOODRUFF, JR & MARY WOODRUFF, TRUSTEES	2021	8.80
JOSEPH ROSALIND	2021	431.67
KELLEY, JEANNE	2021	0.09
KRIKORIAN PATRICIA & STEPHEN J	2021	2,950.28
LABUN-MICHAUD ANGELIQUE S	2021	4,093.13

LAFLAMME MONIQUE	2021	2,676.99
LAFRENIERE STEPHEN M	2021	681.67
LANDRY LINDA L	2021	1,006.20
LANGUET JON A	2021	3,144.38
LANGUET, INDIA B	2021	358.69
LAVENSON JOEL S & CRISTA C	2021	2,970.46
LEMELIN DEBORAH	2021	26.40
LEWIS, THOMAS	2021	1,464.27
LOVEJOY ADRIENNE	2021	6.21
MADDIX, DONNA	2021	1,142.54
MAHEU TRICIA I	2021	135.10
MAHEU TRICIA I	2021	2,749.98
MARSHALL GILBERT	2021	96.28
MEGILL, MARK	2021	1,206.00
MERITT WESLEY O	2021	669.25
MERROW CHRISTOPHER	2021	812.10
MERROW EUGENE B & ANITA	2021	218.63
MERROW MICHAEL J & CARRIE	2021	2,012.41
MICHIGAN ALBERT & MARGARET	2021	2.89
MOHR JOSEPH S & SHARON A TRUSTEES	2021	0.16
MOORE BARBARA & STANLEY B JR	2021	3,692.51
MORIN, ALEX	2021	127.33
MORRISON, BENJAMIN JACOB	2021	1,521.72
MUSOLFF, CINDY J	2021	5.36
NABAROWSKY, DEREK J	2021	2,378.86
NAOUM, ANTHONY D	2021	2,228.24
NASLUND RAYMOND JR	2021	4,585.36
OLIVER, HOLLY	2021	2,133.52
OSBORNE GARY M & AMY S	2021	2,032.17
OWNER UNKNOWN	2021	218.94
PARQUETTE, MARTIN	2021	1,296.57
PARSONS M H	2021	4.94
PECK JOSEPH & DARCIE	2021	35.91
PENSCO TRUST CO FBO BRIAN GILLIS IRA	2021	2.06
PEPPER LESLIE M & KERRY J	2021	2,630.41
PINETREE & ACORN INVESTMENTS LLC	2021	2,872.64
POULIN EDWIN & JUNE	2021	2,338.49
POULIN EDWIN J & JUNE M	2021	467.39
QUIMBY ERIN L	2021	91.61
ROBERTS, BRETT A	2021	344.47
ROBIDEAU CAITLYN J	2021	1,520.17
ROGERS-STEVENSON DENISE	2021	0.49
ROGERS-STEVENSON DENISE	2021	1.41
ROGERS-STEVENSON DENISE	2021	1.54
ROGERS-STEVENSON DENISE	2021	1.41
ROGERS-STEVENSON, DENISE	2021	1.41
ROGUE ENTERPRISES LLC	2021	1,110.52
ROGUE ENTERPRISES LLC	2021	1,245.45
SERIO FRANK	2021	3,611.77
SKEEL, RICHARD D	2021	3,009.28

SOUCY, CAROL L	2021	1,700.29
SOUCY, JEREMY	2021	366.46
STEEVES, TINA	2021	754.65
STONE RIDGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION	2021	46.58
STONE RIDGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION	2021	43.47
STRATTON HAL M & GAYLE L	2021	1,565.20
STRATTON, HAL M	2021	782.60
TORCHIA JASON J	2021	428.57
TRIPP, JOEL WING	2021	102.49
TRIPP, JOEL WING	2021	66.77
TUKEY COLLEEN	2021	1,124.21
VEILLEUX, KRISTA EVA MAE	2021	1,691.49
WALDMAN DAVID H	2021	2,670.78
WALTON MARK & ROBIN	2021	0.27
WATSON JAMES S, TRUSTEE OF	2021	2,805.88
WEBSTER, JAMISON	2021	368.01
WEBSTER, JOHN G	2021	3,203.38
WEIR RICHARD A & DELZA P	2021	2,687.86
WELCH, KRISTEN	2021	59.00
WELCH, KRISTEN	2021	128.88
WILSON BETTY	2021	1,526.38
WOOD J DIXON	2021	4,768.59
WOOD J DIXON	2021	397.51
WOOD, J DIXON	2021	408.38
WOOD, J DIXON	2021	41.93
WORKS LYNDA ET ALS	2021	2,259.30
WOYTOWICZ JOHN M	2021	10.56
ZOZULA ROBERT B & MARYANN	2021	2,928.32
TOTAL		216,901.60

2020 Outstanding taxes as of December 31, 2021

ASHLAND BRIAN & DORI	2020	799.24
BATCHELDER, LINDA	2020	2,484.56
BERUBE GERARD	2020	922.51
BICKFORD THOMAS & PAULA	2020	1,288.44
BITSKO, FRANK T	2020	2,588.94
BOLOBANIC JOSEPH	2020	61.26
BONNEFACE, DARLENE	2020	530.47
BURGESS CHRIS J	2020	703.83
DAMON JEFFREY P	2020	2,180.28
DINGUS LAURENCE	2020	1,224.51
DINGUS LAURENCE	2020	909.73
DYER JONATHAN & SYLVIA	2020	1,643.97
FINLEY, MARTIN S JR	2020	941.65
FRENCH FREDERICK E JR	2020	218.59
FRENCH GREGORY	2020	448.19
GRANT, JEFFREY R	2020	1,093.30
HENDERSON, RICHARD A	2020	494.09

J & J HOLDINGS LLC	2020	2,019.07
LAFRENIERE STEPHEN M	2020	742.92
LANDRY LINDA L	2020	1,085.32
LANGUET JON A	2020	3,290.24
LANGUET, INDIA B	2020	245.76
LEWIS, THOMAS	2020	1,524.26
MERROW CHRISTOPHER	2020	633.57
MORRISON, BENJAMIN JACOB	2020	1,615.24
NAOUM, ANTHONY D	2020	1,627.47
OWNER UNKNOWN	2020	276.06
ROBIDEAU CAITLYN J	2020	1,581.72
SERIO FRANK	2020	52.68
SKEEL, RICHARD D	2020	716.55
SOUCY, CAROL L	2020	787.41
SOUCY, JEREMY	2020	427.70
STEEVES, TINA	2020	834.72
STRATTON HAL M & GAYLE L	2020	1,258.69
TRIPP, JOEL WING	2020	156.35
TRIPP, JOEL WING	2020	119.63
TUKEY COLLEEN	2020	1,167.15
WALDMAN DAVID H	2020	1,064.62
WEBSTER, JAMISON	2020	397.38
WEBSTER, JOHN G	2020	3,318.36
WILSON BETTY	2020	1,588.10
TOTAL		45064.53

Personal Property Taxes Owed

BELGRADE LAKES SUMMER	2015	614.25
BELGRADE LAKES SUMMER	2016	630.00
BELGRADE LAKES SUMMER	2017	648.00
BELGRADE LAKES SUMMER	2018	657.00
BELGRADE LAKES SUMMER	2019	692.10
BELGRADE LAKES SUMMER	2020	692.10
BELGRADE LAKES SUMMER	2021	692.10
CAREY KARLA	2019	1.67
CAREY KARLA	2020	46.14
CAREY KARLA	2021	46.14
LAKESIDE CAMP MEETING ASSN.	2020	0.77
LAKESIDE CAMP MEETING ASSN.	2021	53.83
O'KEEFE, STEPHEN P. & DIANE	2018	43.80
O'KEEFE, STEPHEN P. & DIANE	2019	46.14
TIMEPAYMENT CORP	2022	2.44
TIMEPAYMENT CORP	2021	89.20
TUKEY BROTHERS INC.	2021	1,691.80
TOTAL		6647.48

2021 Abatements

ALLAIN, JENNIFER	382.96
CAREY KARLA	393.73
CAREY KARLA	373.73
CAREY KARLA	615.20
CAREY KARLA	705.94
HAMMOND LUMBER COMPANY	855.13

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2021

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,255,397
Investments	1,491,749
Receivables:	
Taxes	257,101
Tax liens	45,758
Prepaid expenses	7,132
Nondepreciable capital assets	788,000
Depreciable capital assets, net	7,867,391
Total assets	15,712,528
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	3,070
Total deferred outflows of resources	3,070
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	79,856
Taxes paid in advance	8,917
Unearned revenues	22,388
Accrued interest	3,080
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Due within one year	38,301
Due in more than one year	384,474
Total liabilities	537,016
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	19,018
Total deferred inflows of resources	19,018
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	8,310,574
Restricted - donations and grants	312,578
Restricted - Nonexpendable permanent fund principal	277,715
Restricted - Expendable permanent fund earnings	1,254,608
Unrestricted	5,004,089
Total net position	\$ 15,159,564

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Statement of Activities
For the year ended December 31, 2021

Functions/programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (expense) revenue and changes in net position
		Charges for services	Operating grants and contributions	Capital grants and contributions	Primary Government Governmental activities
Primary government:					
Governmental activities:					
General government	\$ 1,451,313	42,925	166,292	-	(1,242,096)
Public safety	291,995	39,249	6,000	-	(246,746)
Public works	1,186,324	36,876	46,504	-	(1,102,944)
Solid waste	254,596	62,749	-	-	(191,847)
Public services	48,815	-	5,000	-	(43,815)
Recreation and culture	212,502	62,366	1,564	-	(148,572)
Education	6,643,895	-	-	-	(6,643,895)
Other Town programs	39,612	19,391	225	-	(19,996)
Interest on debt	25,137	-	-	-	(25,137)
Total governmental activities	10,154,189	263,556	225,585	-	(9,665,048)
Total primary government	\$ 10,154,189	263,556	225,585	-	(9,665,048)
General revenues:					
Property taxes					8,606,990
Excise taxes					1,082,104
Interest and costs of taxes					16,710
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs:					
State Revenue Sharing					331,664
Homestead and BETE exemption					244,343
Other					24,188
Unrestricted investment earnings					262,203
Cable franchise fees					50,319
Miscellaneous					607
Total general revenues and contributions					10,619,128
Change in net position					954,080
Net position - beginning					14,205,484
Net position - ending				\$	15,159,564

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2021

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Permanent Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,207,201	193	48,003	-	5,255,397
Investments	-	-	1,491,749	-	1,491,749
Receivables:					
Taxes	257,101	-	-	-	257,101
Tax liens	45,758	-	-	-	45,758
Interfund loan receivable	-	1,109,818	-	409,101	1,518,919
Prepaid expenditures	7,132	-	-	-	7,132
Total assets	5,517,192	1,110,011	1,539,752	409,101	8,576,056
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	78,911	-	945	-	79,856
Taxes paid in advance	8,917	-	-	-	8,917
Unearned revenue	22,388	-	-	-	22,388
Interfund loan payable	1,512,435	-	6,484	-	1,518,919
Total liabilities	1,622,651	-	7,429	-	1,630,080
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	242,000	-	-	-	242,000
Total deferred inflows of resources	242,000	-	-	-	242,000
FUND BALANCES					
Nonspendable	7,132	-	277,715	-	284,847
Restricted	-	-	1,254,608	312,578	1,567,186
Committed	-	1,110,011	-	97,586	1,207,597
Unassigned	3,645,409	-	-	(1,063)	3,644,346
Total fund balances	3,652,541	1,110,011	1,532,323	409,101	6,703,976
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	5,517,192	1,110,011	1,539,752	409,101	
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:					
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.					8,655,391
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are unavailable in the funds.					242,000
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore, are not reported in the funds.					
Notes payable					(344,817)
OPEB liability with deferred inflows and outflows of resources					(36,108)
Accrued compensated absences					(57,798)
Accrued interest					(3,080)
Net position of governmental activities					\$ 15,159,564

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the year ended December 31, 2021

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Permanent Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:					
Taxes	\$ 9,778,804	-	-	-	9,778,804
Intergovernmental revenues	646,699	-	-	166,292	812,991
Charges for services	167,143	36,876	-	2,352	206,371
Rental income	-	-	-	19,391	19,391
Donations	-	-	-	6,789	6,789
Other revenues	88,645	75	-	6,000	94,720
Investment income (loss)	14,233	-	228,989	18,981	262,203
Total revenues	10,695,524	36,951	228,989	219,805	11,181,269
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General government	632,874	-	-	-	632,874
Public safety	327,065	-	-	-	327,065
Public works	776,448	65,804	-	-	842,252
Solid waste	247,913	-	-	-	247,913
Public services	48,815	-	-	-	48,815
Recreation and culture	202,920	-	-	245	203,165
Education	6,625,225	-	18,670	-	6,643,895
County tax	743,132	-	-	-	743,132
Other Town programs	-	-	-	39,612	39,612
Unclassified	18,352	-	-	-	18,352
Capital outlay	-	437,461	-	244,407	681,868
Debt service	485,613	-	-	-	485,613
Total expenditures	10,108,357	503,265	18,670	284,264	10,914,556
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	587,167	(466,314)	210,319	(64,459)	266,713
Other financing sources (uses):					
Transfers from other funds	101,565	511,372	-	90,000	702,937
Transfers to other funds	(588,985)	(113,952)	-	-	(702,937)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(487,420)	397,420	-	90,000	-
Net change in fund balance	99,747	(68,894)	210,319	25,541	266,713
Fund balance, beginning of year	3,552,794	1,178,905	1,322,004	383,560	6,437,263
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 3,652,541	1,110,011	1,532,323	409,101	6,703,976

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Capital Projects Fund
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Fund balances beginning of year	Charges for services	Revenues		Interest	Expenditures		Transfers In	Transfers out	Fund balances end of year
			Other			Capital outlay	Other			
19 Maintenance garage	\$ 5,000	-	-	-	-	13,031	-	55,000	-	46,969
62 Village lights escrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,000	-	10,000
84 Facilities	41,565	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(20,250)	21,315
85 Facilities truck	-	-	-	-	-	49,344	-	80,000	-	30,656
86 Cemetery equipment	16,842	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	(12,137)	9,705
87 Cemetery water line	22,387	-	-	-	-	-	3,964	5,000	-	23,423
88 Fire department equipment	345,933	-	-	-	-	251,977	-	107,155	-	201,111
89 Library	16,782	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,264	-	23,046
90 Fire department facility	130,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	-	230,000
91 Road maintenance	275,665	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,191	-	315,856
92 Recreation	118,769	-	-	-	-	-	-	48,638	(61,565)	105,842
93 Sidewalks	60,600	-	75	-	-	60,600	-	-	-	75
94 Water quality	28,960	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	250	(20,000)	24,210
96 Dams	30,905	21,876	-	-	-	-	52,299	-	-	482
97 Cemetery expansion (plan 5)	22,852	-	-	-	-	-	9,541	-	-	13,311
98 Old town meeting house	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000
99 Solid waste	61,645	-	-	-	-	62,509	-	53,874	-	53,010
Total	\$ 1,178,905	36,876	75	-	-	437,461	65,804	511,372	(113,952)	1,110,011

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Special Revenue Funds
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Fund balances beginning of year	Revenues			Donations	Expenditures	Transfers	Fund balances (deficits) end of year
		Interest	Other					
42 Library donations	\$ 2,866	-	-	1,000	-	600	4,466	
43 Library trustees	1,305	-	-	-	245	-	1,060	
44 Maggie Schneider	4,653	-	-	-	-	-	4,653	
45 Library carryforward	987	-	-	-	-	-	987	
46 Library fees	7,309	-	897	-	-	(600)	7,606	
47 Labun estate	8,473	-	-	-	-	-	8,473	
49 FD grant	-	-	6,000	-	-	-	6,000	
50 Bottle redemption	11,523	-	-	564	-	-	12,087	
51 Dalton property	26,682	-	19,391	-	-	799	46,872	
52 Emergency fuel	6,885	-	-	5,000	-	(799)	11,086	
53 United way	32	-	-	-	-	-	32	
54 Tree committee	5,009	-	-	-	-	-	5,009	
55 CFAS donations	10,584	-	-	225	-	(4,450)	6,359	
56 Animal control officer	10,874	-	1,455	-	-	4,450	16,779	
58 Town office beautification	80	-	-	-	-	-	80	
59 Audio books	2,421	-	-	-	-	-	2,421	
60 Weinberg adult nonfiction	825	-	-	-	-	-	825	
61 Well contamination remediation	48,689	-	-	-	39,612	100,000	109,077	
62 Village lights	234,363	18,981	-	-	244,407	(10,000)	(1,063)	
63 Covid - ARPA funds	-	-	166,292	-	-	-	166,292	
Total	\$ 383,560	18,981	194,035	6,789	284,264	90,000	409,101	

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Permanent Funds
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Beginning of year		Revenues		Expenditures	Fund balances end of year	End of year fund balances	
	Nonspendable principal	Restricted earnings	Investment	Income (loss)			Nonspendable principal	Restricted earnings
61 Cemetery portfolio	\$ 196,863	280,460	99,370	-	576,693	196,863	379,830	
62 Don C. Stevens school enrichment	53,108	711,132	121,434	17,670	868,004	53,108	814,896	
63 Don C. Stevens school scholarship	2,005	(544)	354	1,000	815	2,005	(1,190)	
64 Guy A. Yeaton cemetery trust	1,009	3,561	678	-	5,248	1,009	4,239	
65 Lacroix cemetery care	10,031	6,423	2,436	-	18,890	10,031	8,859	
66 Robert A. Guptill historical trust	11,199	5,261	2,456	-	18,916	11,199	7,717	
67 Cemetery perpetual care	3,500	33,082	1,812	-	38,394	3,500	34,894	
68 Alice Cram	-	4,914	449	-	5,363	-	5,363	
Total	\$ 277,715	1,044,289	228,989	18,670	1,532,323	277,715	1,254,608	



January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021
 Town of Belgrade
 (Account #0876)

Fund Name	Beginning Fund Value ¹	Beginning % of Fund ²	Additions ³	Withdrawals ⁴	Interest & Dividends ⁵	Realized Gains/Losses ⁶	Unrealized Gains/Losses ⁷	Management Fee ⁸	Ending Fund Value ⁹	Ending % of Fund ¹⁰
DON C. STEVENS FUND FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF BELGRADE	\$796,478.54	58.28%	\$0.00	(\$25,426.34)	\$15,887.91	\$146,887.74	(\$38,745.01)	(\$7,227.88)	\$887,154.96	57.62%
CEMETERY PORTFOLIO	\$481,456.95	35.27%	\$26,799.99	(\$25.65)	\$10,007.19	\$88,945.23	(\$21,899.80)	(\$4,510.96)	\$580,671.75	37.71%
G4-103-00 AND ICS PERP CARE	\$42,474.47	3.11%	\$0.00	(\$26,957.28)	\$819.65	\$7,878.07	(\$3,014.75)	(\$302.74)	\$20,687.42	1.34%
DON C. STEVENS FUND	\$2,425.07	0.18%	\$0.00	(\$121.13)	\$48.02	\$447.86	(\$119.76)	(\$21.89)	\$2,668.17	0.17%
GUY A. YEATON CEMETERY TRUST FUND	\$4,571.11	0.33%	\$0.00	(\$0.25)	\$92.64	\$843.87	(\$217.32)	(\$42.00)	\$5,248.05	0.34%
G4-105-00	\$16,453.59	1.21%	\$0.00	(\$0.88)	\$333.46	\$3,037.50	(\$782.24)	(\$151.19)	\$18,880.24	1.23%
LACROIX CEMETERY CARE TRUST	\$16,822.68	1.23%	\$0.00	(\$830.90)	\$333.20	\$3,106.75	(\$630.43)	(\$151.88)	\$18,449.32	1.20%
G4-106-00	\$5,219.46	0.38%	\$0.00	(\$0.28)	\$105.78	\$963.57	(\$249.14)	(\$47.96)	\$5,992.43	0.39%
ROBERT A. GUPTIL HISTORICAL TRUST FUND G4-107-00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
THE WORTHY POOR TRUST	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
G1-101-00 AND ICS	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL:	\$1,364,901.76	100.00%	\$26,799.99	(\$53,082.91)	\$27,417.86	\$252,010.59	(\$65,357.45)	(\$12,455.50)	\$1,639,752.34	100.00%

Treasurer Report

	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Initial
SELECT BOARD	14,955.00	14,403.16	14,855.00
BOARD OF APPEALS	1,438.00	160.00	1,300.00
ADMINISTRATION	403,356.00	349,760.83	426,010.00
TOWN MANAGER	109,540.00	103,241.42	112,490.00
CODE ENFORCEMENT	49,228.00	34,763.14	56,325.00
PLANNING BOARD	6,150.00	5,280.19	6,350.00
ELECTIONS	11,650.00	5,371.47	11,950.00
HISTORIAN	400.00	400.00	500.00
GENERAL GOV. TOTALS	596,717.00	513,380.21	629,780.00
EMERGENCY	300.00	0.00	300.00
FIRE & RESCUE	287,002.00	254,620.50	325,125.00
DISPATCH	48,850.00	56,507.66	52,500.00
STREET LIGHTING	3,500.00	12,880.88	1,500.00
ANIMAL CONTROL	13,650.00	10,568.47	13,200.00
HEALTH OFFICER	450.00	800.00	450.00
PUBLIC SAFETY TOTALS	353,752.00	335,377.51	393,075.00
ROAD MAINTENANCE	155,675.00	149,617.09	155,675.00
PLOWING & SANDING	362,864.00	352,890.51	399,000.00
PUBLIC WORKS TOTAL	518,539.00	502,507.60	554,675.00
CEMETERY	23,125.00	18,700.73	23,675.00
FACILITY MAINTENANCE	147,800.00	121,079.13	146,150.00
CENTER FOR ALL SEASON	32,940.00	38,753.85	54,570.00
NORTH BELGRADE COM. CTR	11,410.00	9,567.85	17,880.00
GARAGE	3,515.00	5,299.39	4,350.00
SALT & SAND SHED	1,150.00	2,739.10	1,150.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT:LAKE	6,555.00	6,689.60	19,920.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT:DEPOT	3,980.00	3,515.91	4,920.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT:NORTH BEL	4,180.00	2,409.33	4,765.00
TRANSFER STATION	9,805.00	8,272.97	11,015.00
PARKS	6,900.00	7,143.70	9,400.00
DALTON PROPERTIES	10,686.00	8,110.38	12,050.00
HISTORY HOUSE	2,135.00	575.26	750.00
TOWN OFFICE	10,215.00	9,138.02	22,415.00
LIBRARY	3,500.00	3,300.50	500.00
FACILITY MAINTENANCE TOTAL	254,771.00	226,667.73	309,835.00

HHW	2,000.00	1,790.87	2,000.00
TRANSFER ST. OPERATIONS	268,800.00	261,199.15	321,600.00
CHANDLER ROAD	1,500.00	585.00	800.00
DUNN ROAD	4,100.00	3,000.08	4,100.00
SOLID WASTE TOTALS	276,400.00	266,575.10	328,500.00
SOCIAL SERVICES TOTALS	1,280.00	760.00	4,780.00
GENERAL ASSISSTANCE	4,000.00	4,290.00	5,000.00
EMERGENCY FUEL FUND	6,000.00	-352.43	5,000.00
GENERAL ASSISSTANCE TOTAL	10,000.00	3,937.57	10,000.00
SPECIAL REQUESTS	48,130.00	44,617.00	47,988.00
HRA ASMINISTRATION	1,050.00	962.00	1,100.00
HRA CLAIM PAID	10,000.00	8,271.30	12,000.00
WORKERS COMPENSATION	44,397.00	47,331.00	44,000.00
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	8,000.00	6,832.64	4,000.00
GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE	32,000.00	31,796.00	34,000.00
VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS	1,500.00	1,526.00	1,600.00
RECREATION ACTIVITIES	1,700.00	1,005.00	1,500.00
INSURANCE TOTALS	98,647.00	97,723.94	98,200.00
RECREATION	159,070.00	120,639.03	190,625.00
DEBT SERVICE	508,107.00	485,612.88	64,893.00
LIBRARY TOTALS	82,094.00	73,588.84	102,025.00
SCHOOL RSU - 18	6,635,098.20	6,625,224.63	0.00
KENNEBEC COUNTY TAX	743,132.01	743,132.01	0.00
OVERLAY	86,781.76	18,351.61	0.00

**TOWN OF BELGRADE
2022 TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

STATE OF MAINE
Kennebec, S.S.

To Jeremy Damren, of 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 Center for All Seasons, at 1 Center Drive, in said Town, Saturday, March 19, 2022, at 7:45 a.m. to elect a Moderator by secret ballot, to preside at said meeting, to elect Town Officers for the ensuing year(s) and to vote by secret ballot on Articles 2 to 41. Polls are to be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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

(ARTICLE 2) To elect Town Officers for the ensuing years:

Two Selectpersons to a three-year term

One School Board Member to a three-year term

(ARTICLE 3) Shall the town raise and appropriate \$1,116 for the Sexual Assault Crisis and Support Center?

2021 actual: \$1,116.50

2022 request: \$1,116

Selectboard recommendation: YES 5-0

Budget Committee recommendation: YES 5-0, 1 absent

(ARTICLE 4) Shall the town raise and/or appropriate \$40,000 for Lake Protection, to be disbursed in the amounts indicated to the following organizations and from the following funding sources:

Belgrade Lakes Association 2021 actual: \$16,000
(Great Pond milfoil removal)

BLA 2022 request: \$16,000

Friends of Messalonskee 2021 actual: \$13,100
(Belgrade Stream milfoil removal)

FOM 2022 request: \$13,100

7 Lakes Alliance 2021 actual: \$8,400
(Courtesy boat inspection, Youth Conservation Corps)

7LA 2022 request: \$8,400

McGrath-Salmon Lake Association 2021 actual: \$2,500

MSLA 2022 request: \$2,500

(Courtesy boat inspection, Youth Conservation Corps, Port-O-Let)

	<u>2021 actual</u>	<u>2022 request</u>
TOTAL	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
<i>Funding from non-property tax sources:</i>		
Water Quality Improvement Fund	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Funding from property taxes	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
<i>Selectboard recommendation:</i>	YES 5-0	
<i>Budget Committee recommendation:</i>	YES 5-0, 1 absent	

(ARTICLE 5) Shall the town raise and appropriate \$1,488 to help fund Spectrum Generations for Belgrade residents?

	2021 actual: \$1,195.50	2022 request: \$1,488
<i>Selectboard recommendation:</i>	YES 4-1	
<i>Budget Committee recommendation:</i>	YES 5-0, 1 absent	

(ARTICLE 6) Shall the town raise and appropriate \$1,500 to help fund Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area?

	2021 actual: \$1,500	2022 request: \$1,500
<i>Selectboard recommendation:</i>	YES 5-0	
<i>Budget Committee recommendation:</i>	YES 5-0, 1 absent	

(ARTICLE 7) Shall the town raise and appropriate \$5,000 to help fund the Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group's Fourth of July fireworks?

	2021 actual: \$0	2022 request: \$5,000
<i>Selectboard recommendation:</i>	YES 3-2	
<i>Budget Committee recommendation:</i>	YES 4-1, 1 absent	

(ARTICLE 8) Shall the town approve a repeal and replacement of the Subdivision Ordinance?

<i>Selectboard recommendation:</i>	YES 4-1	
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(ARTICLE 9) Shall the town approve amendments to the Board of Appeals Ordinance?

<i>Selectboard recommendation:</i>	YES 5-0	
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(ARTICLE 10) Shall the town approve amendments to Section 15.B, titled "Impact on Lake Water Quality," of the Commercial Development Review Ordinance?

<i>Selectboard recommendation:</i>	YES 5-0	
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(ARTICLE 11) Shall the town approve a repeal and replacement of the Cemetery Ordinance?

Selectboard recommendation: YES 4-1

*****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 2022 between January 1, 2023, and the date of the regular 2023 Town Meeting.
- Vote to accept all overdrafts and balances that have lapsed and are not otherwise directed to the undesignated fund.

Selectboard recommendation: YES 5-0

(ARTICLE 13) To see if the Town will vote pursuant to 36 MRSA section 506 to authorize the tax collector to accept prepayment of property taxes prior to the delivery of the tax commitment to the tax collector by the assessors without payment of interest.

Selectboard recommendation: YES 5-0

(ARTICLE 14) To see if the town will set Friday, September 2, 2022, as the date 2022 property taxes are due. For taxes paid after September 2, 2022, interest will be charged at a rate of 2.05% per annum. Interest will continue until the tax and tax lien are paid in full. Additionally, 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. Interest will accrue from the date of the tax payment to the date the abated amount is refunded to the taxpayer.

Selectboard recommendation: YES 5-0

(ARTICLE 15) To see if the town will appropriate estimated revenues in the amount of \$1,624,181 from the following sources to reduce the property tax commitment:

	<u>2020 actual</u>	<u>2021 actual</u>	<u>2022 proposed</u>
Vehicle excise tax	\$914,945	\$1,058,227	\$1,005,316
Boat excise tax	\$ 9,491	\$ 10,522	\$ 9,996
Interest & cost fees	\$ 20,629	\$ 16,710	\$ 15,875
Cable franchise fees	\$ 50,571	\$ 50,319	\$ 47,803
Bank interest	\$ 43,376	\$ 14,232	\$ 13,520
Homestead exemption	\$226,906	\$ 227,991	\$ 216,591
Municipal revenue sharing	\$220,250	\$ 331,664	\$ 315,080
TOTAL	\$1,486,168	\$1,709,665	\$1,624,181

Selectboard recommendation: YES 5-0

Budget Committee recommendation: YES 5-0, 1 abstain

(ARTICLE 16) To see if the town will approve the creation of a Planning Board Legal Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding legal expenses related to litigation that results from Planning Board decisions, and to appropriate \$12,000 to the fund from the undesignated fund. Unexpended balances in the fund

would remain in the fund for future use.

Selectboard recommendation: YES 5-0
 Budget Committee recommendation: YES 5-0, 1 abstain

(ARTICLE 17) To see if the town will appropriate \$11,585 from plumbing fees and \$8,250 from building permit fees, and raise and appropriate \$708,145, for a total of \$727,980, for municipal operations and administrative activities as follows:

	<u>2021 budget</u>	<u>2021 actual</u>	<u>2022 proposed</u>
Selectboard	\$ 14,955	\$ 14,403	\$ 14,855
Board of Appeals	\$ 1,438	\$ 160	\$ 1,300
Administration	\$403,356	\$349,761	\$426,010
Town Manager	\$109,540	\$103,241	\$112,490
Code Enforcement Officer/ Plumbing Inspector	\$ 49,228	\$ 34,763	\$ 56,325
Planning Board	\$ 6,150	\$ 5,280	\$ 6,350
Hearings/Elections	\$ 11,650	\$ 5,371	\$ 11,950
Insurance	\$ 98,647	\$ 97,724	\$ 98,200
Town Historian	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 500
TOTAL	\$695,364	\$611,103	\$727,980

Funding from non-property tax sources:

From undesignated fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Plumbing fees	\$ 6,000	\$ 12,195	\$ 11,585
Building permit fees	\$ 0	\$ 8,682	\$ 8,250
Total	\$ 6,000	\$ 20,877	\$ 19,835

Funding from property taxes \$689,364 \$590,226 \$708,145

Selectboard recommendation: YES 5-0
 Budget Committee recommendation: YES 5-0, 1 abstain

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

(ARTICLE 18) To see if the town will appropriate \$17,294 in non-tax revenue, and raise and appropriate \$376,031 for Public Safety, for a total of \$393,325 as follows, with any unexpended balance from the Fire & Rescue Department budget lapsing into its equipment capital reserve:

	<u>2021 budget</u>	<u>2021 actual</u>	<u>2022 proposed</u>
Emergency Management Director	\$ 300	\$ 0	\$ 500
Fire & Rescue Department	\$287,002	\$254,621	\$325,125
Municipal streetlights	\$ 3,550	\$ 526	\$ 1,500
Animal Control Officer	\$ 13,650	\$ 10,568	\$ 13,200
Health Officer	\$ 400	\$ 800	\$ 500
Dispatch	\$ 48,850	\$ 49,376	\$ 52,500
TOTAL	\$353,752	\$315,891	\$393,325

Funding from non-property tax sources:

Belgrade Regional Health Center gift	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 0
Town of Rome firefighter contribution	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 0
Fire Dept. cost recovery revenue	\$ 9,200	\$ 9,200	\$ 15,294
Transfer from undesignated fund	\$ 9,908	\$ 9,908	\$ 0
Dog fees	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Total	\$ 56,108	\$ 56,108	\$ 17,294
Funding from property taxes	\$297,644	\$259,783	\$376,031
<i>Selectboard recommendation:</i>	YES 5-0		
<i>Budget Committee recommendation:</i>	YES 5-0, 1 abstain		

(ARTICLE 19) To see if the Town will establish a Fire & Rescue Communications and Equipment Tower Fund, and appropriate \$10,000 to the fund from the undesignated fund. Unexpended balances in the fund would remain in the fund for future use.

Selectboard recommendation: YES 5-0
Budget Committee recommendation: YES 5-0, 1 abstain

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

(ARTICLE 20) Shall the Town approve the following:

- Approve a capital project consisting of road improvement and paving as proposed by the Board of Selectpersons (the Board) and on the terms the Board deems appropriate as detailed below:
- Appropriate \$882,000 (including costs of financing) to fund the project as follows:
 - Raise \$236,829 (\$234,079 for direct costs of the road project and \$2,750 for legal fees) through taxation; and,
 - Appropriate \$46,504 in Local Road Assistance Program funds; and,
 - Obtain up to \$566,667 from the proceeds of a loan (or bond) on terms deemed appropriate by the Town Treasurer and the Board.
- Authorize the Town Treasurer and the board to issue general obligation securities of the Town (including temporary notes) in anticipation of the sale thereof in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$566,667, to partially fund the appropriation.
- Delegate to the Town Treasurer and the Board the authority and discretion to fix the dates, maturities, interest rates, denominations, calls for redemption (with or without premium), form and other details of said securities, including authority to execute and deliver the securities on behalf of the Town.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Town indebtedness:

A. Outstanding principal balance of bonds previously issued:	\$ <u>380,955.76</u>
B. Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$ -0-
C. Anticipated amount of bonds to be issued:	\$ <u>566,667.00</u>
Total:	\$ <u>947,622.76</u>

Costs: At an estimated net interest rate of 2.5% for a three (3) year maturity, the estimated cost of this

bond issue will be:

Total principal:	\$ 566,667
Interest:	\$ 32,000
Total debt service:	\$ 598,667

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

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Below is a listing of roadways to be worked on if the above article is approved. All work estimates are based on present funding. If the estimated funding is lower than the final bid amount, the Town will not expend any money more than the estimated maximum provided in this article. Consequently, the scope of work will be reduced so the estimated funding is not exceeded. If the final bid amount for this project is less than the estimated funding, only the amount of money necessary to complete the project will be bonded, i.e., the Town will not bond for funds that are not needed to complete this project as presented below.

Project detail: Improvements and paving for the following listed roads, along with estimated costs, comprise the 3-year paving project (2022-24) to be completed in 2022:

Depot Road (1.25 miles)	= \$255,040
Guptill Road (1.1 miles)	= \$175,595
Old Route 27 (0.51 mile)	= \$ 81,412
Hulin Road (0.25 mile)	= \$ 30,756
School Street (0.15 mile)	= \$ 18,453
Red Oaks Lodge Road (0.11 mile)	= \$ 12,727
Lakeshore Drive (0.3 mile)	= \$ 47,890
Minot Hill Road (1.1 miles)	= \$ 63,836
East-West Lane (0.6 mile)	= \$ 47,043
Transfer Station Road (0.3 mile)	= \$ 82,000
Transfer Station complex	= \$ 31,893
Estimated total costs	\$846,645

Selectboard recommendation: YES 5-0
 Budget Committee recommendation: YES 5-0, 1 abstain

(ARTICLE 21) To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$554,494 for Public Works as follows, with any unexpended balance lapsing into the road’s capital reserve:

	<u>2021 budget</u>	<u>2021 actual</u>	<u>2022 proposed</u>
General road maintenance	\$155,675	\$149,617	\$155,675

Plowing and sanding	\$261,264	\$268,207	\$297,819
Sand and salt	\$101,600	\$ 84,684	\$101,000
TOTAL	\$518,539	\$502,508	\$554,494

Funding from non-property tax sources:

Transfer from undesignated fund	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 0
Transfer from roads capital reserve	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 0

Funding from property taxes **\$498,539** **\$482,508** **\$554,494**

Selectboard recommendation: YES 5-0

Budget Committee recommendation: YES 5-0, 1 abstain

(ARTICLE 22) Do you favor creating the Belgrade Water District?

Selectboard recommendation: YES 4-1

(ARTICLE 23) To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectpersons to negotiate a contract with the Maine Department of Transportation to remedy the salt-contaminated properties generally bounded by but not limited to Route 27, Route 135 and Routes 8/11, which may include the construction and operation of a public water system. Execution of a contract between the Town of Belgrade and MDOT would be subject to voter approval.

Selectboard recommendation: YES 5-0

(ARTICLE 24) To see if the town will raise and appropriate up to \$5,000 for pedestrian crossing infrastructure and signage to reduce vehicular speed in the village.

Selectboard recommendation: YES 3-2

Budget Committee recommendation: YES 0-5, 1 abstain

*****CEMETERIES*****

(ARTICLE 25) To see if the Town will appropriate \$9,938 in income from the Cemetery portfolio, and raise and appropriate \$13,737, for a total of \$23,675, for maintenance of the cemeteries as follows:

	<u>2021 budget</u>	<u>2021 actual</u>	<u>2022 proposed</u>
TOTAL	\$ 23,125	\$ 18,701	\$23,675

Funding from non-property tax sources:

Transfer from cemetery trust income	\$ 10,675	\$ 10,675	\$9,938
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Funding from property taxes **\$ 12,450** **\$ 8,026** **\$13,737**

Selectboard recommendation: YES 5-0

Budget Committee recommendation: YES 5-0, 1 abstain

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

(ARTICLE 26) To see if the town will appropriate \$1,378 from the library mowing contract, and \$30,000 from the facilities capital reserve, and \$30,000 from the Dalton revenue fund, and raise and appropriate \$254,257, for a total of \$315,635, for the maintenance of facilities and grounds as follows:

	<u>2021 budget</u>	<u>2021 actual</u>	<u>2022 proposed</u>
General	\$147,800	\$121,579	\$145,700
Center for All Seasons	\$ 32,940	\$ 38,754	\$ 59,570
North Belgrade Community Center	\$ 11,410	\$ 9,568	\$ 17,880
Maintenance garage	\$ 3,515	\$ 5,299	\$ 4,350
Salt & sand shed	\$ 1,150	\$ 2,739	\$ 1,150
Lakes fire station	\$ 6,555	\$ 6,690	\$ 19,920
Depot fire station	\$ 3,980	\$ 3,516	\$ 4,920
North Belgrade fire station	\$ 4,180	\$ 2,409	\$ 4,765
Transfer Station	\$ 9,805	\$ 8,273	\$ 12,265
Parks	\$ 6,900	\$ 7,144	\$ 9,400
Dalton Road properties	\$ 10,686	\$ 8,110	\$ 12,050
History House	\$ 2,135	\$ 575	\$ 750
Town Office	\$ 10,215	\$ 9,138	\$ 22,415
Library	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,350	\$ 500
TOTAL	\$254,771	\$227,144	\$315,635

Funding from

non-property tax sources:

Transfer from undesignated fund	\$ 17,809	\$ 17,809	\$ 0
Library mowing contract	\$ 1,450	\$ 1,450	\$ 1,378
Facilities capital reserve	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 30,000
Dalton revenue fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 30,000
Total	\$ 39,259	\$ 39,259	\$ 61,378

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Funding from property taxes \$215,512 \$187,885 \$254,257

Selectboard recommendation: YES 5-0

Budget Committee recommendation: YES 5-0, 1 abstain

****SOLID WASTE****

(ARTICLE 27) To see if the town will appropriate \$30,000 from anticipated revenue from Solid Waste operations and raise and appropriate \$298,500 for a total request of \$328,500.

	<u>2021 budget</u>	<u>2021 actual</u>	<u>2022 actual</u>
TOTAL	\$276,400	\$266,575	\$328,500
<i>Funding from non-property tax sources:</i>			
Solid waste revenue	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 30,000
Solid waste capital reserve	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 30,000
Funding from property taxes	\$251,400	\$241,575	\$298,500
<i>Selectboard recommendation: YES 5-0</i>			
<i>Budget Committee recommendation: YES 5-0, 1 abstain</i>			

(ARTICLE 28) To see if the town will appropriate up to \$59,000 from the undesignated fund to purchase a replacement skid steer at the Transfer Station.

Selectboard recommendation: YES 5-0
Budget Committee recommendation: YES 5-0, 1 abstain

*****LIBRARY*****

(ARTICLE 29) To see if the town will appropriate \$8,524 from the library capital reserve, and raise and appropriate \$93,501 for library services, for a total of \$102,025 as follows, with any unexpended balance lapsing into the library capital reserve:

	<u>2021 budget</u>	<u>2021 actual</u>	<u>2022 proposed</u>
TOTAL	\$ 82,094	\$ 73,588	\$102,025
<i>Funding from non-property tax sources:</i>			
Library capital reserve	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 8,524
Funding from property taxes	\$ 82,094	\$ 73,588	\$ 93,501
<i>Selectboard recommendation:</i>	YES 5-0		
<i>Budget Committee recommendation:</i>	YES 6-0		

(ARTICLE 30) To see if the town will authorize the Board of Selectpersons to enter into a one-year contract with the Friends of the Belgrade Public Library for up to \$3,000 to be paid by the Friends to the Town for plowing and mowing services to be performed by the Town at the Library property on Depot Road.

Selectboard recommendation: YES 5-0

*****RECREATION*****

(ARTICLE 31) To see if the town will appropriate \$60,000 from anticipated recreation revenue, and raise and appropriate \$130,625 for recreation services, for a total of \$190,625, with any unexpended balance lapsing into the recreation capital reserve:

	<u>2021 budget</u>	<u>2021 actual</u>	<u>2022 proposed</u>
TOTAL	\$159,070	\$120,639	\$190,625
<i>Funding from non-property tax sources:</i>			
Recreation revenue	\$ 33,000	\$ 33,000	\$ 60,000
Funding from property taxes	\$126,070	\$ 87,639	\$130,625
<i>Selectboard recommendation:</i>	YES 5-0		
<i>Budget Committee recommendation:</i>	YES 5-0, 1 abstain		

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

(ARTICLE 32) To see if the town will raise and/or appropriate for social services as follows:

	<u>2021 budget</u>	<u>2021 actual</u>	<u>2022 proposed</u>
General Assistance	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,290	\$ 5,000
Emergency Fuel Fund	\$ 6,000	\$ 488	\$ 5,000
Senior Resources Committee	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,000
Community event traffic control	\$ 780	\$ 260	\$ 780
Christmas wreaths	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
TOTAL	\$ 11,280	\$ 5,538	\$ 13,280

Funding from non-property tax sources:

Transfer from undesignated fund	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000
Emergency fuel fund	\$ 6,000	\$ 488	\$ 5,000
Total	\$ 10,000	\$ 4,488	\$ 10,000
Funding from property taxes	\$ 1,280	\$ 1,050	\$ 3,280

Selectboard recommendation: YES 5-0

Budget Committee recommendation: YES 6-0

(ARTICLE 33) To see if the town will authorize the Senior Resources Committee to conduct fundraising to support the operating and programming costs of the committee and to place all proceeds in a special Senior Resources Fund account to be used toward the benefit of senior programming. This article is to remain in effect until changed by a future vote of the town.

Selectboard recommendation: YES 5-0

(ARTICLE 34) To see if the town will raise and/or appropriate \$1,500 to support the Belgrade Senior Volunteer Work Program, which allows seniors 60 and older to earn benefits up to \$750, with the benefits to be paid through a tax abatement from the overlay fund toward their property taxes, and to authorize unused funds to be placed into a special reserve account called the Senior Volunteer Work Ordinance Fund.

Selectboard recommendation: YES 5-0

Budget Committee recommendation: YES 6-0

*****DAMS*****

(ARTICLE 35) To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$18,168 for Belgrade's share of 2022 operations/maintenance costs of the Village Dam, Wings Mills and Salmon Lake dams.

	<u>2021 budget</u>	<u>2021 actual</u>	<u>2022 proposed</u>
TOTAL	\$20,192	\$20,192	\$18,168
Funding from property taxes	\$20,192	\$20,192	\$18,168

Selectboard recommendation: YES 5-0

Budget Committee recommendation: YES 6-0

(ARTICLE 36) To see if the town will approve the creation of a Dams Capital Reserve Account for infrastructure needs, and raise and appropriate \$7,200 for the fund, which would represent Belgrade's

share (48%) of a total \$15,000 appropriation and accept funds for the account from the other participating towns in the Interlocal Agreement for Management of the Belgrade Area Dams.

Selectboard recommendation: YES 5-0

Budget Committee recommendation: YES 6-0

*****CAPITAL RESERVES*****

(ARTICLE 37) To see if the town will appropriate \$410,000 from the undesignated fund, in the following amounts for the following purposes:

	<u>2022 proposed</u>	<u>Current balance*</u>
Fire & Rescue Capital Reserve	\$ 75,000	\$168,955
Cemetery Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve	\$ 5,000	\$ 21,842
Fire & Rescue Building Capital Reserve	\$100,000	\$230,000
Maintenance Garage Capital Reserve	\$ 55,000	\$ 46,968
Cemetery Water Line Fund	\$ 5,000	\$ 23,422
Facilities Truck Fund	\$ 5,000	\$ 30,656
Well Contamination Remediation Fund	\$100,000	\$112,083
Solid Waste Capital Reserve	\$ 65,000	\$ 53,009
TOTAL	\$410,000	

Funding from property taxes **\$0**

**Unaudited year-end balances*

Selectboard recommendation: YES 5-0

Budget Committee recommendation: YES 5-0, 1 abstain

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

(ARTICLE 38) To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$49,893 to fund the seventh-year payment on the Town Office 13-year bond, and \$15,000 for interest in the Tax Anticipation Note, for a total of \$64,893.

	<u>2021 budget</u>	<u>2021 actual</u>	<u>2022 proposed</u>
	\$508,107	\$485,613	\$64,893
Funding from property taxes	\$508,107	\$485,613	\$64,893

Selectboard recommendation: YES 5-0

Budget Committee recommendation: YES 6-0

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

(ARTICLE 39) To see if the town will raise, appropriate, authorize, designate, or release the collective sum of \$14,642 as dictated by the following trusts and funds:

- To make available to the Principal of Belgrade Central School the interest, in the amount of \$299, from the Robert A. Guptill Historical Fund for the promotion and association of history.
- To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$957 in property taxes, and appropriate \$43 from the Don C. Stevens Fund for a total of \$1,000 to support an academic award from the Town to the highest-ranking Belgrade senior graduating in 2022.
- Authorize use of the Don C. Stevens Fund for the Public Schools of Belgrade income in the amount of \$14,300 to benefit the public schools of Belgrade.

Selectboard recommendation: YES 5-0
Budget Committee recommendation: YES 5-0, 1 abstain

*****ADDITIONAL ARTICLES*****

(ARTICLE 40) To see if the town will authorize the Selectboard to execute a contract for the construction of a First-Responders Memorial, and to appropriate up to \$12,000 from the undesignated fund to help fund its construction. Total cost of the project is \$24,000.

Selectboard recommendation: YES 5-0
Budget Committee recommendation: YES 5-0, 1 abstain

(ARTICLE 41) To see if the town will authorize the Selectboard to use money from the undesignated fund to maintain operations at 2021 levels should the voters reject a departmental budget under this warrant, until such time as the voters approve a revised budget for the department(s) at a special town meeting.

Selectboard recommendation: YES 5-0

****BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS****

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Daniel Newman Daniel Newman

Barbara Allen Barbara Allen

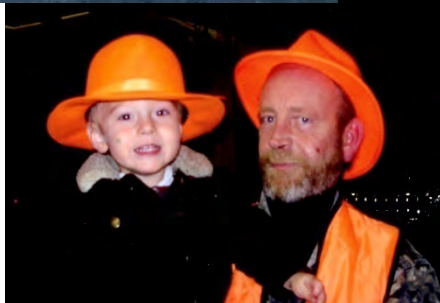
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