

ANNUAL REPORT

of the Town Officers



Maine's 102nd Town

Preceding Maine Statehood by 24 Years

Incorporated February 3, 1796

From Washington Plantation

Above The Signature and by the Authority of

The Architect of the American Revolution

And Then Governor of Massachusetts,

SAMUEL ADAMS

*BELGRADE: From the French BEL - fair, fine, beautiful-and GRADE - step in
preferment*

FOR THE YEAR 2002

DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF

YVETTE FARRIS & JAMES L. MINOT

In 2002, a difficult year, Belgrade lost two unique individuals whose service to the town was memorable, although in quite different ways. Neither was generally known by their given first names. James Minot was Jamie. Yvette Farris was almost always Gerine.

Remembering my mother:

Born in Augusta, Maine on June 21, 1925 to a family that already had 17 children, Yvette Dostie was only the second child born in America to her Canadian immigrant parents. Given a compassionate servant's heart, Yvette could not avoid helping her family and others, given the hard circumstances of the era. These qualities combined to mold a hard-working, enterprising woman.

During WWII She was employed at Bath Iron Works as a welder and riveter; and not long after, a young sailor fresh from war asked her to be Mrs. Fred Farris. She accepted. They had four children, losing one of the middle ones, Michael Farris, to a hit and run accident, which left a tender spot in her heart for the child she lost.

In the late 60's she moved with her family from Augusta to a small camp in Belgrade, where they became among the first year round residents of Pinkham's Cove. She soon became very involved in many aspects of her community, advocating for the poor and disadvantaged.

For over thirty years she enjoyed hosting outings for the local Girl Scouts at her lakeside camp, selling tickets at the Belgrade Central School benefit suppers, and helping the Belgrade Fire Department. Organizing and helping to deliver Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets, as well as arranging for local children to receive a few small gifts for Christmas, were some of the ways she contributed. She met many people from all

walks of life, some who became not only benefactors, but also friends. Without the generous donations of others, she would not have been able to provide such help, which was always only a phone call away.

Helping others gave my mother a sense of purpose and satisfaction, which was often exhausting, but always exhilarating. Although her personality was frank, she was very hard to say "no" to, always appealing to your heart on behalf of others. She received many awards and gifts for her help and service. I know that what truly pleased her was realizing she had helped someone who often went on to help themselves.

My mother passed away silently in February of 2002. This past holiday season was a difficult one for our family. I often wonder how many went without this year because she was not there.

I feel both sadness and joy as I reflect upon my mother's life. May we all learn from her example to always extend a hand to a neighbor, a friend or a stranger.

- Anne Marie Pooler

I remember Jamie:

James Minot was a native Belgrader, the sixth generation of Minots to occupy the big white farmhouse; and to worship at Old South Church, which had stood at Rockwood's Corner at the top of Minot's Hill since 1835.

He was the last dairy farmer in town. As an only son, who never married, he became the last male of the Minot line. An era ended with his passing, for he had taken much of the work of the town on his shoulders - a town father without portfolio.

All his days began the same, rising at dawn (or before in the winter months) to milk his herd. Then for nine months of the year when school was in session, he became the bus driver for two and half generations of Belgrade students - a full fifty years worth. He kidded with them, but they soon learned there was steel in their bus driver. He made them mind. They called him "Jamie." out of respect and affection. There are citizens now in their sixties who rode Jamie's bus as children. He was a positive influence in the formative years of their lives.

After the morning bus run came farm tasks or projects dealing with work for the town. Then came afternoon bus run, afternoon milking, sometimes a late bus, tasks until dark and beyond until bedtime, a few hours of sleep and do it all over again.

A few years back, Jamie was briefly hospitalized. With no one to do the milking, he was forced to sell his herd. The last years of his life were centered on his biggest project, the saving of Old South Church. Early in the century, before he was born, Great Grandma Minot had walked up the hill to that church in her 99th year after breaking her hip at 98. His late father, J. Lawrence, whose service to the town included forty years as the town tax collector, had passed the collection plate at Old South for many years, had taught the son to walk the other aisle and do the same. It had been Jamie's privilege for years of peaceful summer Sundays to sound the church bell before service. It was a family thing, and Jamie was determined that the church, *his* church gradually rotting away and recently uninsurable, was *not* going to die.

He had important help from other members, but it was his will and his vision to rebuild Old South on the same spot, in the same shape, while saving the familiar pews, the organ, the religious painting behind the altar and everything else that was salvageable.

These parts of the past lingered for over a year in an uncoupled box trailer parked in the Minot dooryard until they could be re-installed in the rebuilt church.

Nobody guessed he had only a few months left, but after all the fund-raising, all the months of project supervision, he was around for the dedication of the new Old South Church on August 11, 2001, surely good for another 165 years. He was proud as a father!

All his life, Jamie took on responsible jobs nobody else much wanted. Like sexton! He was on his sixteenth year of caring for the town's cemeteries. That meant digging perhaps 400 graves, and re-sodding after the burials. Absolute precision was required in the placement, and Jamie learned to be something of an artist with his elderly yellow backhoe. It meant coordinating his efforts with area funeral directors, managing his seasonal mowing crew, keeping equipment repaired and mixing the slurry he used to fertilize the truckload of red geraniums he personally set out on lots with perpetual care each Memorial Day. It required a lot of fussy work and a lot of planning. Doing his best for the dead of his town - Jamie always found the time.

Time to be the animal control officer too. For the privilege of capturing feral cats and getting scratched in the process. Or dogs running loose and neighbors complaining. Or late runs to the animal shelter with unwanted strays. With all his other work, who needed that kind of aggravation? Jamie, apparently.

Serving as town constable was a breeze. Jamie had to post warrants around town in advance of elections or town meetings.

Jamie's life was all work, but never grim. He was a political insider of Republican persuasion. A practical joker with an offbeat sense of humor. A serious man underneath, offset by the twinkle in his eyes when selling a "whopper." He never grew old, or looked his age. Who would have dreamed he was seventy?

He was above all a fan, partial to Yankee baseball and Notre Dame football and all local teams, which he sometimes bussed to games. He played volleyball at the Central Grade School gym, pickup games with friends; never straying far from his herd.

Summing up, he led a truly remarkable life. He bussed the young, he buried the old, he was a caregiver for his town, and he tended his herd and his church.

- Cousin *Frank*

REFERENCE NUMBERS

- Belgrade Town Office495-2258 (Office)
-495-2742 (FAX)
-townoffice@belgrademaine.com (E-Mail)
- Town Manager, Kathleen Farrin 495-2258 (Office)
- Fire Wardens-Burning Permits
 - Jeff Stevens495-2085 (Home)
 - Mark Day495-3840 (Home)
 - Ed Ketch, Jr495-3861 (Home)
 - Roger Pelletier.....465-3420 (Home)
- Emergency Management Director
 - Dwight Alexander (Director).....465-2724 (Home)
 - Ed Ketch, Jr. (Asst. Director).....495-3861 (Home)
- Center for All Seasons.....495-3481
 - Cathie Pinkham, Director
- Public Library495-3508
 - Marcia Haigh, Librarian
- Road Commissioner
 - Maurice Childs.....495-2982/2145(Home)
- Code Enforcement Officer - Building Permits
 - Gary Fuller.....495-3868 (Home)
- Health Officer
 - Lois Doran465-3297 (Home)
- Plumbing Inspector
 - Gary Fuller.....495-3868 (Home)
- Animal Control
 - James Minot/Anne Cameron293-3749 (Home)
- Civil Constables
 - James Minot/Jeremy Damren..495-2258 (Town Office)
- Transfer Station495-3326
- Belgrade Central School.....495-2321
- SAD #47 Superintendent.....465-7384
- Messalonskee High School465-7381

**MAINE LAW REQUIRES THAT BURNING PERMITS
 BE ISSUED FOR ALL OUTDOOR FIRES**

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- BELGRADE FIRE DEPARTMENT.....911**
- BELGRADE RESCUE SQUAD.....911**
- KENNEBEC SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT1-800-498-1930**
- MAINE STATE POLICE1-800-452-4664**
- STATE WARDEN SERVICE1-800-292-7436**

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Town of Belgrade, RR 2 Box 912, Belgrade, ME 04917 (207) 495-2258

MORE "HANDY INFORMATION"

TOWN OFFICE HOURS OF OPERATION:

**MONDAY 8AM - 4:30PM
TUESDAY 8AM - 4:30PM
WEDNESDAY 8AM - 4:30PM
THURSDAY 8AM - 7PM
FRIDAY 8AM - 4:30PM
SATURDAY OPEN THE LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH FROM
APRIL - SEPTEMBER 9AM - 12 NOON AND A SATURDAY IN
DECEMBER**

**SELECTPERSON BOARD MEETINGS: THE FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY OF
THE MONTH AT 7:00PM AT THE TOWN OFFICE.**

**PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS: THE FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY OF
THE MONTH AT 7:00PM IN THE TOWN OFFICE.**

TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLING CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION:

**WEDNESDAY 7:00AM - 3:00PM
SATURDAY 7:00AM - 3:00PM**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: EACH THURSDAY EVENING FROM
5-7 PM AT THE TOWN OFFICE.**

**FOOD PANTRY: EVERY TUESDAY FROM 9:00AM - 11:00AM AT THE TOWN
OFFICE.**

BELGRADE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER: 495-3323

**OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY
8:00 - 12:30 AND 1:30 - 4:30**

ADELPHIA CABLE CUSTOMER SERVICE: 1-800-336-9988 OR 623-5145

BELGRADE POST OFFICE/POSTMASTER BETTY COLE: 495-2011

**BELGRADE LAKES POST OFFICE
POSTMASTER DEXTER BRIDGES: 495-2064**

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

Edward Ketch

RR 1 Box 845
Belgrade, ME 04917
495-3861

Kyle Wescott

RR 1 Box 310
Belgrade, ME 04917
495-2929

William Gee, Jr.

RR 1 Box 941
Belgrade, ME 04917
495-2167

PLUMBING CONTRACTORS

William Gee, Jr.

RR 1 Box 941
Belgrade, ME 04917
495-2167

Steve Jenney

RR 1 Box 182
Belgrade, ME 04917
495-3572

Belgrade Plumbing & Heating, Steve Young West Rd.

Belgrade, ME 04917
495-2189

Bob The Plumber
Plumbing & Heating

Wings Mill Road
Belgrade, ME 04917
495-2942

HEATING CONTRACTORS

KDNR Heating & Irrigation, Keith Kadnar

P.O. Box 71
Belgrade, ME 04917
465-9326

R & E Heating, Eric Nilson

P.O. Box 558
Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918
495-7747

Belgrade Plumbing & Heating, Steve Young West Rd.

Belgrade, ME 04917
495-2189

Bob The Plumber
Plumbing & Heating

Wings Mill Road
Belgrade, ME 04917
495-2942

BUILDING & CARPENTRY CONTRACTORS

E.P.Construction/Eric Pelletier
RR 1 Box 809
Belgrade, ME 04917
495-2702

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

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

Larry Stanley
P.O. Box 345
Belgrade, ME 04917
495-2976

Perry Biegon
RR 1 Box 455
Belgrade, ME 04917
495-2838

Paul Stevens
P.O.Box 526
Belgrade, ME 04917
465-9395

Craig's Carpentry
P.O. Box 240
Belgrade, ME 04917
465-3749 1-800-417-2880

Dan Trembly
RR 1 Box 1014
Belgrade, ME 04917
465-9522

Guido's Construction
RR 1 Box 533E West Road
Belgrade, ME 04917 495-3632

BUILDING & CARPENTRY CONTRACTORS
cont'd

Thomas Kenney
RR 1 Box 819
Point Road
Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918
495-2997

R. E. Violette
P.O. Box 409
Belgrade, ME 04917
495-2349

David Lord
RR 1 Box 161
Belgrade, Me. 04917
495-3521

James Vogel
RR 1 Box 312
Belgrade, Me. 04917
495-2913

Jerry Steiner/Steiner Floors
P.O. Box 562
Belgrade Lakes, Me. 04917
495-6028

SURVEYORS

Mr. Kane Coffin
Coffin Engineering & Surveying
RR 2 Box 887A
Augusta, ME 04330 623-9475

Greg Carey
Carey Land Surveyor
27 Sterling Street
Waterville, ME 04901 873-2613

Lloyd Rowe
Rowe & Wendell Engineering & Surveying
179 Main St.
Waterville, ME 04901 873-5808

Mr. Elliot Thayer
Thayer Engineering Co.
5 Hasson St.
Farmingdale, ME 04344

Northeast Land Surveys
RR 7 Box 1965
Augusta, ME 04330 1-800-425-3500

K & K Land Surveyors
P.O. Box 596
Oakland, Me. 04963

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

*If you would like your business added to this list,
please contact the Town Office at 495-2258*

GENERAL CONTRACTORS

Maurice Childs Construction

RR 1 Box 939
Belgrade, ME 04917
495-2145

Lyle Strickland

P.O. Box 32
Belgrade, ME 04917
495-3544

David Stevens Excavating

RR 2 Box 3560
Belgrade, ME 04917
465-3815

David Hallowell

RR 2 Damren Rd.
Belgrade, ME 04917
465-3344

Kevin Hawes

RR 1 Box 146C
Belgrade, ME 04917
495-3412

John Taylor (Taylor Contractor)

RR 1 Box 871H
Belgrade, ME 04917
495-2260

ABOUT BELGRADE

Belgrade is located just a few miles northwest of Maine's capital city, Augusta. Our current population is estimated to be about 2700 year-round citizens, and that number nearly doubles when non-residents arrive to spend the summer months at their cottages.

The first settlers came to Belgrade in 1774, and the Town was incorporated in 1796. In the early days, most of its citizens earned a living by farming or working in its several grist and lumber mills. Gradually, however, residents started commuting to nearby cities for employment. Now, no working farms remain in Belgrade, and the town has become what many call a "bedroom community" composed of people who reside here but who work elsewhere. Employment in town is limited, with two lumber companies and a manufacturer of concrete products employing most locals. Small businesses such as restaurants and country stores provide a few year-round jobs, with rental cottages, boys/girls camps, marinas and a golf course adding part-time positions in the summer.

Belgrade covers about sixty square miles, with a large part of this area composed of lakes, streams and wetlands. Its five lakes and their inlet/outlet streams offer several species of fish for those who enjoy fishing, plenty of water surface for boaters, and excellent opportunities for those people interested in bird watching. With our forest acreage expanding, as former farmland reverts to tree growth, deer, moose and birds have become more plentiful for people to enjoy. There is a new 18-hole golf course, just south of Belgrade Lakes Village, with entrance from the West Road.

Although the Town has two constables, their authority is limited, with nearly all law enforcement being provided by the Maine State Police, the Kennebec County Sheriff and State Game Wardens. Our Fire Department and Rescue Unit are manned by local volunteers, and they operate from facilities in three locations - Belgrade Depot, Belgrade Lakes Village and North Belgrade. The Town does not have a municipal water district, a sewage disposal system or a public works department, although we do have a Road Commissioner. Belgrade also has a transfer station for disposal of rubbish, garbage and items which can be recycled.

Belgrade has retained the traditional Town Meeting form of government with oversight provided by a board of Selectpersons. Day-to-day Town administration is provided by a Town Manager, with staff of an Administrative Assistant, a Tax Collector/Town Clerk, an Assistant Clerk, a part-time Clerk and a Treasurer. Citizen volunteers serving on our several boards and committees provide technical advice and assistance on specialized matters to the Town Manager and Selectpersons.

MORE ABOUT BELGRADE

Size: 27,917 Acres of Land; 9,638 acres of Water; 1,158 Acres of Bog or Swamp, for a total of
38,713 Acres.

Registered Voters: 2692

Schools:

Belgrade Central School (K-6), Belgrade
Williams Junior High School, Oakland
Messalonskee High School, Oakland
All schools are in School Administration District #47

Churches:

Old South Church - Intersection Rt. 135 and West Rd.
Union Methodist Church - Belgrade Lakes Village
St. Helena's Church - Belgrade Lakes Village
North Belgrade Baptist Church - Intersection Rt. 11 and North Belgrade Station Rd.
Belgrade Bible Church - Rt. 27, 1 mile north of intersection of Rt. 135 and Rt. 27.

Health Facility: Belgrade Regional Health Center, School St., Belgrade Lakes Village.

**BELGRADE'S ELECTED
REPRESENTATIVES TO THE
STATE GOVERNMENT**

SENATOR KENNETH T. GAGNON (D)
DISTRICT 14

Senate Chamber, State House Station #3, Augusta, ME 04333
or
1 Clearview Avenue, Waterville, ME 04901
872-2338

REPRESENTATIVE STANLEY A. MOODY (R)
DISTRICT 80

House of Representatives, State House Station #2
Augusta, ME 04333
or
PO Box 240, Manchester, ME 04351
626-0594

**BELGRADE'S ELECTED
REPRESENTATIVES TO THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

SENATOR SUSAN M COLLINS (R)

United States Senate
172 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
202-224-2523
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SENATOR OLYMPIA SNOWE (R)

495 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
202-224-5344
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e-mail: olympia@snowe.senate.gov

REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS H. ALLEN (D)

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Washington, DC 20515-1901
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2002 TOWN OFFICERS

Elected Officials

Board of Selectpersons..... Roger J. Nadeau, Chair (04),
Richard "Spike" Carey, V. Chair (03), Dennis Purington (03),
Ralph Boss (05), Kate Gawler (04)

Road Commissioner.....Maurice Childs

SextonJames Minot/ Michael Urbanek

SAD #47 Board of Directors-Belgrade Members.....Frank Fekete (02)
Regina Coppens/Tonia Boterf (03), Laura Corbett (04)

Town Meeting ModeratorJohn R. Bradshaw

Appointed Officials

Town Manager.....Kathleen P.Farrin

Town Clerk, Administrative Assistant & Tax Collector.....Ellen M. Edgerly

Treasurer.....Pamela G. Tracy

Deputy Clerk & Registrar of Voters.....Jane E. Bickford

Town HistorianNancy Mairs

Health Officer.....Lois Doran, RN

Civil Constables.....James Minot/Jeremy Damren

Code Enforcement Officer.....Gary R. Fuller

Tree Warden.....tish carr

Plumbing Inspector.....Gary R. Fuller

Secretary, Board of Selectpersons/ClerkMary Vogel

Secretary, Planning BoardKaren Damren

AssessorRobert Duplisea, CMA

AuditorKeel J. Hood, CPA

Appointed Boards, Committees & Department Heads

- Budget Committee.....G. Donald Taylor (04), Phil Cobb (03),
Willard Arnold (04), John Sutton (04),
Charles Heino (05), Jonathan Perkins (04),
Mary DeRosier (Alt.)
- Planning Board.....Albert Languet III, Chair (05), Roy Bouchard (03)
Stephen Foster (04), Roger Shannon (05), Peter Rushton (05)
Karen Damren Alt., Germaine Orloff Alt.
- Board of Appeals..... Robert Martin, Chair (05), David Roy (04),
Dennis Keschl (04), Janet Pelletier (04), Peter Sargent (03),
Shawn Mullens (05)
- Board of Assessment Review.....Vacant (04), Vacant (05), Betty Grant (03)
- Cemetery Committee.....Kenneth Workman (05), James Minot/Michael Urbanek,
Sexton, Marion Minot (04), Raymond Nutter (05)
Laurel Wadleigh (03)
- Dams CommitteeRichard Mackenzie, Chair, Rome;
Percy Ackerman, Belgrade (05); Dennis Purington, Belgrade (04); George Hoy,
Belgrade (04); Roger Pelletier, Belgrade (03); Dolores Lemon, Oakland, (03)
- Don C. Stevens Trust Committee.....Pam Prescott, Chair
Denise Lord, Molly Durin, Linda McMullin,
Sue Wintle Bradshaw
- Board of Parks & RecreationBetty Jo Howard, V. Chair, (03), J. Duncan Morrison (05)
Justin Poirier, Student Member (05), Michelle Urbanek,
Student Member (05), Jean Saucier (05), Nancy Findlan,
Chair (04) Cathy Urbanek (05), Betty Wells (03) Jan Sunby (05),
Cindy Davidson (05), Robin Pepin Alt., Sue Perrino Alt.
- Recycling CommitteeAdam Doran, Chair, Dawn Burnham, Gene Burgess,
Mike Burnham, Clarence Burnham, Eric Nutting, Harold (Pal) Tripp,
Cedric Young, Ralph Endicott, Katie Farrin, Town Mgr.
- Municipal Fire Department OfficersJeffrey Stevens, Chief (06)
William Pulsifer, Deputy Chief (05)
Bruce Galouch, Ass't Chief/Belgrade Depot (04)
Edward Ketch, Ass't Chief/ Belgrade Lakes (05)
Roger Pelletier, Ass't Chief/North Belgrade (05)
Gene Burgess, Ass't Chief/Director of Rescue (03)
- Long Range Planning Committee.....Jack Sutton, Chair (03),
Adelaide Lalime (03),
Nancy Mairs (05), Dianne Oliver (04),
Don Perkins (05), Bruce Hazard (04)

Enhanced Neighborhood Policing Committee.....Richard (Spike) Carey, Jeremy Damren,
John Perkins, Fred Cole, Ronald Bellevance, Nathan
Bellevance, Jean Dalton & Ray Hutchinson

Recreation DirectorCathie Pinkham

Library Director.....Marcia Haigh

Library Trustees.....Timothy Corbett (04), Nancy Mairs (04), Stuart
.....McConnell (03), Fred Perkins (04), John Willey (03)
.....Patricia Pow (03), Linda Sprague (03)

SELECTPERSONS' REPORT

The Board of Selectperson have had a busy year. We welcomed a new member to the board, Ralph Boss. He brings us a new prospective to issues as well as extensive knowledge in the areas of Rescue and the Fire Department, which is always helpful.

We recently completed the budget process with the able assistance of Katie Farrin, Pam Tracy and the Budget Committee. We were successful in keeping an increase of only 4% if all articles are approved by you, the voter.

All of the Town Committee are fully staffed and working actively in their areas. Thank you to all the volunteers who serve the town with dedication and skill.

We have a new interim Sexton who is continuing the work of James Minot and working to improve the recording procedures and record keeping which support our cemeteries. He has many ideas that, when implemented, will improve the overall operation.

Several ordinances have been reviewed and proposals put forward for your vote. These include the Animal Control Ordinance, and amendments to the Street and Road Ordinance, and Sub-Division Ordinance. Thank you to the committees who worked on these.

The proposed Land Use Ordinance for the Town of Belgrade has been finalized and submitted for your vote. Many hours of work went into this proposal and we thank the committee members for their dedication to the project.

Thank you to Katie Farrin, Town Manager who makes our job so much easier. Pam Tracy, Treasurer who keeps the books straight, Ellen and Jane who are always there to provide information as needed; and to Mary, Secretary to the Board who has to make sense of our sometimes confusing conversations at meetings.

Finally, I wish to invite any and all of you to our meetings. Your interest and input is always welcome

PLEASE VOTE AND ATTEND YOUR TOWN MEETING

Sincerely,

Roger Nadeau
Chairman of the Board of Selectpersons

BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS

**Roger Nadeau, Chair, Richard Carey V. Chair,
Dennis Purington, Kate Gawler, Ralph Boss**

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The year, 2002 has brought with it an armload of challenges and changes. We have been forced to make tough economic decisions and approach these tasks with extensive research and careful thought. We have learned to view all challenges as opportunities for improvement rather than threats to our economic and environmental position. This approach has added enthusiasm and confidence to our decision-making processes.

We came together as a community to challenge the Department of Transportation when they planned to take down the Cathedral Pines and ended up working in conjunction with them to prune these trees to preserve their health and enhance the safety of the traveled way. Further implementation of our Forestry Grant expanded \$4,404.50 of Town funds into a \$114,975.00 project which trimmed and removed hazard trees in Town-owned properties and Rights of Way.

We identified a need for improvement in our salt and sand mixture last year. This year we have strengthened our salt/sand ratio from a 10 to 1 mix to a 6.66 to 1 mix. This opportunity for improvement resulted in a change in the "way we always did it". We are using less total product and achieving more efficiency as we move closer to financial and environmental goals.

Rising costs associated with municipal waste disposal were addressed by the Board of Selectpersons this summer. All aspects of the operation of the Transfer Station were considered with input from representatives from other solid waste handling facilities. This process helped us achieve lower tipping fees and examine the need for improvement in handling disposal of metal and lite iron. Your municipal officers will continue to monitor this operation which represents a large portion of our municipal budget.

Please take time to read through the 2003 Warrant and consider your response to the referendum questions and articles contained within. There are some decisions to be made which will impact land use and development; the use of liquor at the Belgrade Community Center for all Seasons and North Belgrade Community Center; structural improvements to the Transfer Station; provisions for upgrades in our cemeteries; and Fire Department support in the form of a repeater on the tower on the West Road and a dry hydrant on the Bartlett Road . Your participation is important. The outcome of many articles is determined by a very small margin.

An opportunity that will be presented to you this year at our Town Meeting will be the decision to undertake a full revaluation of the Town of Belgrade. There are many false conceptions in regard to a revaluation. One is that a revaluation means an increase in taxes. Some properties will increase in value and some actually decrease. What will happen is that this process will result in a broader base on which to distribute the tax burden - an equalization - thus, the more appropriate name. The focus of the equalization is *a fair distribution of taxes* instead of setting new and higher assessed values. Our mil rate in Belgrade has been rising. A rising mil rate is not a reason for an equalization project. However, this does tell us that our expenses are using a larger portion of our resources. When this happens, we must make every effort to look at every

part of our town government and school and county budgets to bring efficiency into all areas. Our tax base is our greatest resource and must be managed well, along with everything else. Your participation and consideration regarding this question is extremely important and should not be taken lightly.

As we move through the end of 2002 and the balance of 2003, we will continue to diligently monitor municipal operations. We will look for efficiency in all areas, while adding the infrastructure necessary to provide adequate services to our community.

I want to thank our awesome Board of Selectpersons, our Town Office staff, all town employees and volunteers who have devoted endless hours to furthering our commitment to serve you and protect and enhance the quality of life here in the Town of Belgrade.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen P. Farrin

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Last year we reclaimed and paved the north end of the West Road from Route 27 to the Castle Island Road. The whole roadbed was ground up, graded and new pavement added. This makes a much stronger and more uniform road. I would like to have people look at it and provide any feedback to the town office or to me (495-2982).

This year we plan on paving the whole length of the Knowles Road, which needs a lot of work. Brush cutting, ditching and culvert replacement will need to be completed before paving.

At the Transfer station we would like to have your help by placing every item in its proper place. It takes a small effort, but makes it easier to have a smoother, more efficient operation. The compost pile needs particular attention. It is starting to be a general "disposal" area. It is only intended for leaves, pine needles and grass clippings. NO brush, wood, or plastic bags and, definitely, NO garbage. If this continues to be a problem, this area will have to be closed. Please remember to remove the doors from refrigerators and freezers before leaving them for disposal.

Respectfully submitted,

Maurice Childs
Road Commissioner

ENHANCED NEIGHBORHOOD POLICING COMMITTEE

The Enhanced Neighborhood Policing Committee has focused on street lighting issues, bike safety education and recommending false alarm policies to our Selectpersons this year. In the year 2003, we will be focusing more on neighborhood crime watch options. We will be looking at who should be involved, what we can accomplish in our neighborhoods, what we should look for, and how we all can help to make this work in our neighborhoods. Did you know that according to Home Benefits Inc., that active neighborhood watch programs can reduce burglaries by 40% and vandalism by as much as 50% in neighborhoods. This is a program that we believe is worth exploring.

We would like to add a few more members to our committee. If you have an interest in the Enchanted Neighborhood Policing Committee, do not hesitate to call the town office for more information and to become a member. We would like to take a moment to express our appreciation for the great deal of time that James Minot contributed to our committee as chair person. James you will always be remembered!

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine M. Pinkham, Chair

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

2002 has passed and I want to thank all the Planning Board members for their dedication and service. Through their various knowledge and experiences I feel that we have served the public well through an equitable process. The challenges for 2003 are: making sure that the public (you) understand and follow existing ordinances, clarifying ordinances for ease of understanding, and making sure that new ordinances are fair and easy to follow.

At the time of this writing it is proposed that you will be voting on a new ordinance developed by the Land Use Ordinance Steering Committee intended to fulfill the Comprehensive Plan's directives. In addition to combining the Minimum Lot Size and Commercial Development Ordinances, this ordinance is intended to safeguard water quality and preserve the town's rural character, and open space. The following guidelines are being proposed: minimizing road construction and land clearing; implementing effective erosion and phosphorous export controls at the development and occupancy stages; guiding development to the appropriate portions of large tracts, leaving significant areas undeveloped and protected by conservation easements; and in developing individual

lots, considering conservation easements or other protection mechanisms for wetlands, steep slopes, deer wintering areas, phosphorous buffer strips, land adjoining streams and ponds, and land adjoining existing blocks of open space on neighboring tracts. As part of this ordinance there will be an Official Map dividing the town into three zones: the Rural District, Village District, and Commercial Development District. This new ordinance will be worked upon during the next three months leading up to the March Town Meeting and citizen input is greatly appreciated.

Anyone can attend a Planning Board meeting. There is no ticket charge. I encourage the citizens of Belgrade to attend meetings of the Planning Board and other boards to see how our municipal government works. It is a system built on volunteers. Again I want to thank all the board members for their time and dedication. The board members are: Roy Bouchard, Stephen Foster, Roger Shannon, Peter Rushton, and myself. Our secretary is Karen Damren (also an alternate board member) and Gary Fuller is our code enforcement officer.

Respectfully submitted:

Bert Languet, Chair

Best Regards;

Bert Languet, Chair, Planning Board

BELGRADE GIRL SCOUT REPORT

The Belgrade girl scouts have 5 troops this year. We have a Daisy troop, Brownie troop, 2 Junior troops, a Cadet and Senior troop. These troops consist of about 56 girls ranging from Kindergarten to seniors in High school. They are having lots of fun and helping in the community.

This fall we started our year off with an overnight Camporee at camp Kirkwold in Readfield. The girls swam and learned to cook on open fires. The older girls taught the younger girls about knife safety and orienteering. We had a flag burning ceremony.

Some of the troops raked lots of leaves for families in the area that couldn't get out and do it themselves. Lisa Day taught us about First Aid and Safety at the Community Center in November.

We also adopted the Christmas tree at Workman Field and decorated it with all edible decorations for our wildlife to enjoy. We caroled during the Christmas Stroll and sold Luninaries. We adopted a family at Christmas and met at the school one Sunday to bake cookies, wrap presents that the troops bought and made wonderful ornaments for our family. We all enjoyed the pizza and thanks to Days Store for delivering it.

We are now busy selling cookies so that we can go on special trips and do lots of fun stuff with the money we earn. This our major fund-raiser. It pays for our badges, flags and the things we get to do. Most of our troops have earned many different try-its, badges and special awards this year. Our Daisy troop had an Investiture Ceremony and a Brownie troop had a Re-investiture Ceremony. Most of the troops will be attending an Award Ceremony at the end of the year.

If you know of any girls between the ages of 5 and 18 who are interested in becoming a girl scout or any adult that would like to volunteer as a leader or just show a special skill please call Betsy Testa @ 495-2565. Also if there is anyone that has something that needs to be done in the community that our girls can do, or help with, let me know.

All the troops would like to thank all the families and businesses that have helped our troops with their generous support.

Belgrade Girl Scouts

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Belgrade's Budget Committee was established by vote of the town in 1963 with six voting members with staggered three-year terms. The Committee's responsibilities, as defined in 1993 are "to advise the Board of Selectperson on financial matters, whenever funds are to be raised and appropriated and to make written recommendations on the Annual Budget to the Townspeople". Throughout its history Budget Committee members were alternately nominated and elected from the town meeting floor or appointed by the Selectpersons, as the town from time to time decided. The 1999 Town Meeting authorized appointment of Budget Committee members by the Selectpersons. That practice continued through 2002, including an alternate Budget Committee member to stand in for an absent regular member.

The Budget Committee meets several times in the late fall with the Selectpersons, Town Manager, Treasurer, department heads and representatives of organizations requesting town funds, to review and vote on each financial article proposed for the upcoming Town Warrant. Joint meetings and discussion assure relevant facts and questions are shared by all concerned without duplicate efforts. Separate votes of the Selectpersons and Budget Committee are recorded beneath each Warrant article. The Budget Committee and Selectpersons are in substantial agreement on all recommendations for 2003 reviewed by year end 2002, with a few articles remaining open for consideration pending further information. The Selectpersons and Committee meet again at mid-year as the Selectpersons decide the annual property tax mil rate.

All concerned are keenly aware that the portion of Belgrade's town budget within the responsibility of the Selectpersons and Budget Committee typically represents a mere third of the property tax rate. MSAD #47 accounts for most of the difference with Kennebec County's assessment the balance. The school budget proposal will not be final until mid year, after state funding levels are determined and member towns hold their individual school budget meetings. Uncertainty and concern are magnified for 2003 due to the State's weakened financial position and prospective changes in the school funding formula. It is clear that a large increase in school assessment cannot be offset within Belgrade's town budget without impairing local services. Townspeople are advised to follow the 2003 school budgeting process closely.

Thanks to Ralph Boss who resigned from the Budget Committee on his election to the Board of Selectpersons. Townspeople interested in serving on the Budget Committee are invited to contact a Selectperson or the Town Manager.

Respectfully,

Belgrade Budget Committee: Willard Arnold (04), Phil Cobb (03), Mary DeRosier (Alt), Charles Heino (05), Jonathan Perkins (04), Jack Sutton, Chair (04), G. Donald Taylor (04).

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

During 2002 the LRPC was principally occupied in work with the Land Use Ordinance Development Committee, Kate Gawler chair, to write the ordinance proposal implementing recommendations of the town's 1998 Comprehensive Plan. Professional planning assistance to that committee was provided by Chris Huck, Planning Director of Kennebec Valley Council of Governments, with funding by Town appropriation (25%) and matching grant from the State Planning Office (75%). The Selectpersons have scheduled a Town vote by written ballot on the proposal at the March 2003 town Meeting, following formal public hearing. **The LRPC recommends adoption of the Land Use Ordinance.**

The ordinance development process involved many meetings of the committee, with input from members of the board of Selectpersons, Planning Board, Board of Appeals, BLCA, MDEP, LRPC and the general public. The final draft embodies the spirit of consensus of Belgrade's political and financial realities. For example, it emphasizes lake water quality protection by extending phosphorus export controls to development throughout the town and encourages higher density development along existing roads, with clustered development to conserve open space. It introduces controls on private road building to prevent creeping development along agricultural or logging roads without appropriate review and approval. Commercial development is allowed throughout the town, but with restrictions on type, size and impact on surroundings. Commercial development is encouraged in defined areas of town where similar activities already exist.

Looking ahead, it's acknowledged that the proposed ordinance is but a step in the ongoing process of guiding Belgrade's development to maintain an acceptable balance between growth pressures and preservation of key environmental qualities. Ultimate success hinges on several factors, including:

*effective enforcement of land use controls by the town;
town willingness to review and update controls based on experienced need;
coordinated land use controls throughout the Belgrade Lakes watershed; and
public and private decisions and actions consistent with the town's basic
environmental goals.*

LRPC extends thanks and best wishes to Don Perkins for his valued contributions. Don resigned from LRPC when he and his family moved out of state to pursue their careers. Special thanks also to Nance Mairs, LRPC secretary and to the Town Office staff for their work and support. LRPC appointments by the Board of Selectpersons are needed in 2003 to fill the current vacancy and the expiring terms of committee members. Townspeople interested in serving on the LRPC are invited to contact a board member or the Town Manager.

Respectfully,

Long Range Planning Committee: Bruce Hazard (04), Adelaide Lalime (03), Nancy Mairs (05), Dianne Oliver (04), Jack Sutton, Chair (03)

FIRE & RESCUE REPORT

During the year of 2002 the Fire and Rescue responded to a combined total of 306 calls. The following is a list of those calls:

Vehicle accidents (10-55)	26
Vehicle fire	03
Chimney fires	05
Structure fires	02
Smoke alarms	05
CO alarms	03
Fire alarms	05
Brush/grass fires/land fill	09
Downed wires	08
Pole Fires	00
Stove and electrical fires	01
Misc.	04
Rescue calls (Medical, chest pains, cut and broken limbs, 10-48, etc.)	200
Mutual Aid Response, Fire & Rescue, (Mt. Vernon 1, Oakland 2, Rome 17, Sidney 9, Smithfield 1)	30
TOTAL RESPONSE	306

6 YEAR FIRE & RESCUE RESPONSE SUMMARY

*1997 = 202, 1998 = 244, 1999 = 218, 2000 = 205, 2001 = 266
2002 = 306*

As you can see above, in the year 2002, there was an increase in some types of call and a decrease in others.

It has been a very busy year. Belgrade Firefighters have spent many hours in meetings, trainings, and special projects. Thanks to the Lakes Regional Mutual Aid system, there are three firefighters from Belgrade enrolled in their firefighter I class. Class will be completed April 2003. The last class will consist of a live burn on the West Road. The Belgrade Lakes golf course has offered us the Brann house to use for this burn. There will be a total of 20 Belgrade Firefighters with their Firefighter I Certification.

As far as projects go, we listed in last year's letter that some of our goals were to purchase a Thermal Imaging Camera, Rescue Boat, a new truck for North Belgrade Station, and an addition for the Depot Station in order to centralize Rescue 6. We are happy to report that all of these goals were met. We were able to purchase a Thermal Imaging Camera through grant money, fund-raisers, and many generous donations. Many thanks to Great Pond Marina for donating a Rescue Boat to the Department. They had heard that an area business person had started a Rescue Boat Fund and donated a boat to us. With the funds already donated, we were able to purchase a trailer, and miscellaneous equipment for the boat. We accepted delivery of a 2003 GMC Pumper (Unit 62) for

North Belgrade in October. The Depot addition was started in April and completed in December and Rescue 6 was moved in ;shortly thereafter. On behalf of the Department we would like to thank all who donated products and labor to make this project a reality, not to mention all the countless volunteer hours fire and rescue personnel donated to this project. Last, but not lease, we received ten new sets of turnout gear in October.

For the year 2002, awards were given to the following: Ralph Boss, Firefighter of the Year; Brian Bangs, Rescue Person of the Year; and Brandon Galouch, Junior Firefighter of the Year. A special award was given to Lt. Dan McKenzie for coordinating the construction of the new addition to the Depot Station.

For the year ahead there are a few projects that we will be working on. One of which is a new bean hole pit at the Center for all Seasons.

As we do each year, we would like thank Hammond Lumber Company and other local businesses who release Rescue and Fire fighter personnel during the day to respond to calls. If it wasn't for them we would have a huge daytime problem and we appreciate their support.

On behalf of the Belgrade Fire Department we would like to thank you for your continued support. We would like to assure the people of Belgrade that we are doing everything in our power to keep Belgrade a safe and healthy town to play in, live in and enjoy.

We would like to thank the many contributors for the addition on the Depot Fire Station: Hammond Lumber, Gagne Concrete, Mario Veilleux, Concrete Foundations, Maurice Childs, John Gawler, roofing, Ketch Electric, Bob's Plumbing, David Hallowell & Mainly Trusses.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey C. Stevens, Fire Chief

William P. Pulsifer, Deputy Chief

Gene Burgess, Assistant Chief, Director of Rescue

Edward Ketch, Jr., Assistant Chief, Belgrade Lakes

Bruce Galouch, Assistant chief, Belgrade Depot

Roger Pelletier, Assistant Chief, North Belgrade

PLUMBING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

A total of 105 Plumbing permits were issued for the year ending December 31, 2002. Of these permits 58 were for external plumbing and 47 were for internal plumbing.

Please remember that all plumbing for which a permit is issued is required to have two inspections: a rough inspection and a final inspection.

If you need a plumbing permit or your project is ready for inspection please contact me at 495-3868 or at the Belgrade Town Office at 495-2258.

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

RECYCLING COMMITTEE REPORT

The recycling committee continued with business as usual throughout 2002. A new pallet jack was purchased to replace one of two used in the recycling center. The boy Scouts are still continuing the newspaper recycling effort at the Transfer Station. Safety equipment purchases were made for the transfer station employees throughout the year. A reminder to Belgrade residents to use clear bags instead of dark bags, name and phone numbers for used oil, recycling materials washed out and clear, wood under 4" in diameter, separate out treated wood, and encourage composting was published in a newsletter. A sign at the transfer station for the trading of goods amongst the town residents entitled "Cedric's Swap & Sell" has been erected and residents can feel free to start utilizing the sign located on the left, just before the recycling center storage trailers.

The Town of Belgrade will begin collecting universal wastes during 2003. A vendor for the universal waste has been selected. The Town of Belgrade received a grant from the State of Maine to begin the transition into the mercury-added products reuse/recycle (rather than disposed of) program that will be mandatory as of January 1, 2005 for all towns in the State. The grant involved receiving a recycling shed for the storage for recycling of the mercury-added wastes include fluorescent lamps, mercury vapor and high-pressure sodium light bulbs, mercury thermostats, mercury switches, and mercury thermometers).

Each year, Maine's communities are required to report details and tonnage of their solid waste management programs, including trash disposal, recycling, and composting to the Maine State Planning Office, Waste Management & Recycling Program. Belgrade sent the various state organizations annual reports during 2000 for the compost facility, the steel recycling information database, the transfer station and recycling center, and the continued monitoring of the old landfill. The Maine State Planning Office calculated the state-recycling rate to be 42% for 1997. The state's overall goal for recycling is 50 percent of its solid waste. Belgrade's adjusted recycling percentage for 2001 was 41.9% down from 43.8% in 2000. The town also produces and distributes about 30 cubic yards of compost each year.

The town has been keeping a consistent effort at recycling. Many thanks to all of you who have contributed to the recycling effort; which reduces the waste stream and the overall cost of solid waste disposal for the town. Please remember that copies of the town's recycling brochure are available at the recycling center and at the town office if you have questions about recycling. The transfer station employees are also glad to help you with any questions or concerns. The recycling committee welcomes any ideas for recycling efforts. Please contact any one of our members with ideas or attend a recycling committee meeting (second Tuesday of every month at the Town Office at 4:00 P.M.). We appreciate your continued support and efforts in recycling.

Respectfully submitted, Belgrade Recycling Committee,
Gene Burgess, Clarence Burnham, Dawn Burnham, Mike Burnham, Maurice Childs,
Adam Doran, Eric Nutting, Harold Tripp, Cedric Young

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The Belgrade Public Library continued to grow in 2002. The number of people visiting the library, the collection and the circulation all increased as more people discovered that their local library is a full service library. There were 170 new patrons registered in 2002. Patrons signed out 5,106 books, magazines and tapes, 46% more than in 2001. Programs included weekly children's story hour, bedtime story hour in May, summer and fall poetry nights, summer reading program, space program, and "Birds that fish" with the L. C. Bates Museum. The library offers popular new fiction, biographies, reference, large print titles, audio books, magazines, Maine collection, children's books, and interlibrary loans.

A *Friends of the Library* group formed in early spring of 2002. Their mission is to support the library and promote library services. They have organized the book sales, raffled the elm table made by John Willey, and provided refreshments for the programs. If you are interested in learning more about the *Friends*, please contact Laura Romano at 495-3356.

The library now has a computer station, for the public to use, that is connected to the internet. People use this station for research, as well as to search the library's cataloged collection. The library's catalog may now be viewed and searched on the web, from any computer with internet access, by following these steps:

1. Type in the library URL <<http://www.librarycom.com/opac>>.
2. In the space beside *Library Name* type **Belgrade Public Library**.
3. Select the box beside *Access Library as Guest*.
4. Click on the *Login* button.
5. Select the *Search* tab and you may search the library catalog by keyword, title, author or subject.

We began to issue library cards in November 2002. The library is now checking books in and out on the computer. A computer station and circulation desk, purchased with donated funds, has been added to the library for this purpose.

The Library Board of Trustees and I wish to thank the many volunteers who give generously of their time to help with book processing, shelving, circulating, and programming. The library community greatly appreciates the financial gifts that help support the library. The time and funds given make it possible for our library to better serve the community. The library is open Tuesday 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Haigh
Library Director
495-3508

DAMS COMMITTEE REPORT

In 2002, we completed repair work on Great Pond Dam to reduce leaking on the face of the dam. The repairs were successful reducing the flow dramatically. We also completed the needed structural repairs at Wings Mills Dam.

In 2003, we would like to look at the mechanical as opposed to structural condition of the dams. The mechanical and electrical functions of the dams have not been addressed in recent years. Our request for this year has been increased to allow for this survey and additional maintenance that may be required. There are also some safety concerns that must be addressed at Salmon Lake Dam.

For the year 2003, we are asking the town to appropriate and raise \$15,000 for ongoing expenses associated with the maintenance and operation of the dams.

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

Respectfully submitted

Richard A MacKenzie
Chair, Dams Committee

ENHANCED 9-1-1 COMMITTEE REPORT

The E 911 committee is happy to report that this spring the Post Office will activate the new address system for rural delivery. You will receive a notice from the Town and the Post Office notifying you of the same. Your house number and address will not be the same. We are going to ask you to put numbers on both sides of your mailbox if you live on through roads such as the Dunn Road, Oakland Road, West Road and Augusta Road. During your emergency, fire or rescue vehicles coming from each direction will be able to find you more easily.

We have lost many signs since we put them up last year. This may put your well being and property in jeopardy if you have an emergency and we are delayed in finding the road you live on. If you have knowledge of anyone stealing signs, please call the Town Manager.

Thank you for your patience

Betty Cole, Karen Childs, Dwight Alexander, Bill Arnold, Roger Anderson, Phil Cobb,
Bill Pulsifer, Chair

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

A reminder to all residents that the following diseases need to be reported to the Health Officer: Animal Rabies, Meningitis, Chicken Pox, Chlamydia, E. Coli, Viral Encephalitis, Giardiasis, Gonorrhea, Invasive Influenza, Hepatitis, HIV Infection, Lyme Disease, Malaria, Mumps, Pertussis, Rubella, Salmonella, Invasive Streptococcal Group A, Syphilis, Tuberculosis and Toxic Shock Syndrome. This is the latest list of reportable diseases required by the Maine Bureau of Health. I realize that you will probably seek medical treatment for these diseases and your physician will report these to the Bureau of Health; however, in case you do not seek medical treatment, you will need to report them to your local health officer. We cannot control the spread of disease unless we are aware of its presence.

In April, I attended and completed a "Local Health Officer" Training Course sponsored by the Maine Municipal Association. It was most informative and allowed the health officers to share experiences with one another. We covered the topics of nuisances, working with the animal control officer and plumbing inspector as well as dry wells and bathing beaches.

In December, I attended a meeting of Health Officers in Central Maine which was sponsored by Maine General Health. This purpose of this meeting was for the Director of Community Health Improvement to learn more about how local Health Officers can serve their communities and how their office may be of assistance to local Health Officers. We will meet again in early 2003. As Health Officers, we were told that we would be more involved in the future with the threats of terrorism as we are a common source for the local communities to contact.

This year I worked closely with the Town Manager in dealing with problems that were referred to her by Belgrade residents. These problems were attended to by working with the Animal Control Officer and various State Agencies.

I have written articles for the Town Newsletter this year dealing with topics from food poisoning to Anthrax. If there are topics that you would like to know more about, please let me know.

The Food Pantry continues to serve the needs of Belgrade residents. They can always use donations of food and money contributions.

We all need to care for our friends and neighbors during these turbulent times since 9/11. As Health Officer, I am always available if problems arise; so feel free to contact me . My telephone number is 465-3297

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Doran, R.N. Belgrade Health Officer

TOWN HISTORIAN'S REPORT

The end of the Revolutionary War spurred an influx of new settlers into the frontier territory known as the Province of Maine. They came especially from Massachusetts and New Hampshire looking for land. Most of what they found was un-cleared, "unorganized" wilderness. With great energy and hope, our founders purchased or simply adopted lots and tracts without benefit of deed.

To the west of the large Winslow tract, incorporated as a town in 1771, lay the area call Washington Plantation, itself destined to be incorporated in 1796 as the town of Belgrade in Lincoln county, which then included land to the Canadian border. By then, Sidney, Readfield and Mount Vernon were already established towns on our east, south and west boundaries. To our north lay the unorganized (unincorporated) West Pond Plantation by stating compass directions and distances starting at the northwest corner of Sidney.

In 1812 the general court of Massachusetts granted incorporation to part of West Pond Plantation, calling the new town Dearborn, in Kennebec County. It was bounded by Waterville on the east (Waterville was separated from Winslow in 1802), Belgrade on the south, Rome on the west (incorporated in 1804), and the Somerset County line on the north.

In 1815 twelve families successfully petitioned the General Court of Massachusetts to have their Dearborn lands annexed to Waterville. These lots formed a narrow strip along the east shore of McGrath Pond and would have been separated from the rest of Dearborn by the pond; it made sense for them to be part of Waterville, especially the prospering west end later called Oakland.

In 1822 Asa Young's land was set off from Dearborn to Waterville, his land being "on the east side of the pond" (Salmon probably). In 1826 Nahum Corson, "with his estate", being "about 200 acres on great lot B" was annexed to Waterville.

Peaslee Morrill lived just south of the bridge spanning the outlet stream from Salmon Lake to Great Pond. He was the first postmaster of the first post office in Belgrade, except that it wasn't Belgrade in 1818; it was Dearborn. In 1834 Morrill petitioned the Legislature (by then State of Maine) to have "that part of his farm on which he now lives....set off from the town of Dearborn...annexed to" Belgrade. This act moved the town line north to the stream.

In response to a petition by Dearborn citizens, an act of 1839 annexed the southern part of Dearborn to Belgrade, despite Belgrade's complaint that the town was already too elongated for efficient administration. On March 21, 1840, the Dearborn Post Office became the North Belgrade Post Office.

In 1840 the new town of Smithfield was incorporated in Somerset County, taking the eastern part of Mercer, all of East Pond Plantation and the northern part of Dearborn. This moved the Kennebec/Somerset County line south to include Smithfield.

The incorporation of Dearborn was repealed, and its remaining area reverted to plantation status in 1841. Two years later Dearborn Plantation was annexed to Waterville

(the part that later became West Waterville or Oakland) and the name Dearborn vanished from the map.

SOURCES: Articles of Incorporation, Acts of Maine State Legislature, Maine State Library and Archives maps.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mairs
Town Historian

(Dearborn map on this page?)

RECREATION REPORT

Another full year has passed at the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons and 2002 was as we expected it to be - very busy and very successful.

We once again offered programs and open house social time for all ages and skill levels.

Child gymborees and story times for our toddlers were provided. We offered the After School Education Program, Summer Day Camp Program, Community Easter Egg Hunt and Holiday Coloring Contests for the kids. There were also several very interesting educational programs set up for our children. A representative from the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office came and shared his expertise with the kids on bike safety and career choices. Also, the Belgrade Lakes Association Education Committee visited on a couple of different occasions to share education on keeping our lakes clean and how to recognize invasive plants and their impact on our lakes.

Our teenagers are more difficult to reach. This year, however, our teens had use of the facility every Friday evening. Some teens took advantage of our Canoe and Kayak Club this past summer and several teens took advantage of our Summer Day Camp, Counselor In Training Program. Most of our teens used the open house time to take care of their recreational needs. We are still in the process of developing additional teen programs into our calendar of activities. We invite you to share your ideas and special interests with us.

There were several programs offered that our young adults, adults and seniors were able to take advantage of. We offered sewing circle time, a bridge club, adult walking programs, Aerobics, Yoga, Tai Chi classes, senior trips, adult basketball and co-ed volleyball. We also hosted several community gatherings. Gatherings that won't be soon forgotten included our March Talent Show, our Annual Community Gathering, the Belgrade Business Group Art Festival, the Belgrade Health Center Barbecue, the Belgrade Fire Department Bean Hold Supper and our Holiday Sing-A-Long. These are events that are held annually that you do not want to miss, so pick up a list of upcoming events and mark your calendar!

We offered opportunities for everyone! However, if you have an activity or program in mind that you would like to see offered or if you have a special interest project you would like to share with the community, we urge you to come share your ideas with us. As a result of the many dedicated volunteers that do share their time with us we have been able to offer many successful programs. These citizens are and always will be the backbone to our continued success. As we have seen clearly this past few years, our success as a community center depends greatly on the joint efforts of many dedicated citizens that are willing to share their many different talents. We would like to extend our most sincere thanks to these many citizens who have continued to provide support in recreation. We would also, once again, urge you to come share your special interests with us!

At our 2002 Talent Show **Robert Martin and Carolyn Bickford were recognized as our Citizens of the year 2002. Congratulations to both of you for your hard work and continued dedication to our Belgrade community.**

The Board of Parks and Recreation members have been faithful in attending meetings and supporting our special programs by filling in at times when volunteers were needed for programs and events. We urge you to get involved... come participate in on-going programs or suggest new ones.

Although the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons' primary focus is recreational programming, we also offer rental usage of the facility when the center is not being used for programming. Call us now for all your facility rental needs.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine M. Pinkham, Belgrade Recreation Director
&
Nancy Findlan, Chair; Board of Parks and Recreation
495-3481

SEXTON'S REPORT

"Ashes to ashes, dust to dust. We go to work and do as we must."

James was always saying this to me. He's not her now, and we miss him terribly.

As we move into another year, we will continue to make improvements that are needed in all areas. We hope to update the equipment necessary to do the job.

The cemetery is a big responsibility, and as we work on it this year and the years to come, we will bring it back into shape. We will be concentrating on all old areas and one new sections.

Many thanks to all who helped me get through this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Urbanek

Perpetual Care of Belgrade Cemetery Lots in the Year 2002

Lot Name	Lot Number	Amount	Donor
Early Robert & Arlene	P2-R7-L17SE1/2	\$100.00	Early Robert & Arlene
*Hatt Clive & Geneva	P4-R2-L7	\$100.00	Hatt Clive & Geneva
Booker Nathan H	P4-R7-L15-NE1/4	\$100.00	Booker Nathan
Wright Karen	P4-R1-L14-NE1/3	\$ 75.00	Wright Karen
Chamberlin Richard	P4-R3-L15-SE1/2	\$100.00	Chamberlin Richard
*Skelton Clarence	P1-R3-L8	\$500.00	Skelton Esther Trust
Minot James L	P2-R3-L16	\$200.00	Minot James L
*Minot George E	81W	\$150.00	Minot Marion E
*Minot John S	141W	\$150.00	Minot Marion E
*Minot James	221W	\$100.00	Minot Marion E
*Minot George L	P2-R3-L2	\$150.00	Minot Marion E
*Minot J. Lawrence	P2-R4-L16	\$150.00	Minot Marion E
Parent Rebecca	P4-R3-L6	\$200.00	Parent Rebecca S
Shell Al	P4-R9-L15-SE 11/2	\$ 50.00	Shell Al

** Indicates that funds are earmarked for Memorial Day flowers in perpetuity.*

BOY SCOUT TROOP #453 REPORT

The Troop Committee of Belgrade Scout Troop #453 would like to again thank the residents of Belgrade for their continued support during 2002. Newspaper recycling continues to provide the main financial support for the troop. You will find our scouts and adult volunteers baling newspapers at the Belgrade Recycling Center most Saturday mornings. Not only does this help fund a number of scouting activities, but provides scouts with an opportunity to take responsibility and contribute to the support of the troop. We very much appreciate the contributions of newspapers by town residents and are pleased to be able to help Belgrade by including the town's sale of magazines in our cooperative agreement for newspapers. Along with our other fund raising projects, such as selling popcorn, these funds allow us to continue to provide a meaningful scouting experience for the boys of Belgrade and adjacent areas.

This year our scouts participated in many great adventures. Scouts enjoyed a beautiful three-day backpacking trip to Russell Pond in Baxter State Park and a skiing trip to Saddleback Mountain in Rangely. In addition, the troop held a winter campout at Camp Bomazeen and attended Summer Camp at Hidden Valley Scout reservation near Gilmanton Iron Work, New Hampshire. Our scouts has a great time hiking and bicycling in Acadia National Park during peak fall colors. The troop participated in the Memorial Day service, helped prepare and cleanup for the annual Christmas Stroll in Belgrade Lakes, and set up and maintained the nativity scene at the Old South Church. Many scouts completed requirements for rank advancement in the troop, and earned a number of merit badges, including Communications, Snow Sports, Indian Lore, Basketry, Shotgun Shooting and others.

In addition, Cub Scout Pack 453, is again active under the direction of Cubmaster Steve Symonds and Assistant Cubmaster Duane Bickford. Enrollment in the pack has increased from six to twenty-six boys, and the pack has resumed regular den and pack meetings. We want to thank Steve and Duane, as well as all the den leaders, assistants, and parents for their help in getting the pack up and running again.

We want to thank everyone at the Town Office and the Transfer Station for their help and support and we would also extend our appreciation to the many local businesses and individuals for their generous support. A final thank-you goes to the Belgrade Lions Club for being our Troop Sponsor.

If you know of a boy between the ages of 11 and 18 who is interested in becoming a Boy Scout, or would like to volunteer your time and talents to troop 453, please contact Troop Scoutmaster Joe Levasseur at 495-2673 or Committee Chairperson Glen Davis at 495-3337. In addition, if you know of a boy, between the age of 6 and 11, who is interested in becoming a Cub Scout, or would like to help Pack 453, please call Pack Cubmaster Steve Symonds at 495-3355.

Respectfully submitted,
Boy Scout Troop #453

Troop Committee

<p style="text-align: center;">DON C. STEVENS TRUST FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT</p>

The students of Belgrade Central School are very fortunate to benefit from the generosity of Don C. Stevens in providing this trust fund. The fund provides for students in many ways, including additional programs both during and after school, additional materials, and new experiences above and beyond what our school district is able to provide. The Trust truly enriches the educational experience of all Belgrade students.

The Parents Creative Arts Committee continues to extend our students' artistic and cultural experiences. This past year we have had live theater performances, a puppetry residency, a dance and movement residency, and the Missoula Children's Theater. Our students get great training during these experiences, which expose them to acting, prop and costume preparation, and staging a live performance themselves. In addition, the PCAC brought the Northern Stars Planetarium to our school. Students saw various programs about subjects ranging from volcanoes to the planets to stars and black holes.

The Trust continues to help fund field trips, support which is particularly needed in these difficult budgetary times. Our students are able to visit places such as Norlands, Sturbridge Village, Old Fort Western, and the Main Maritime Museum. These trips extend their learning greatly beyond their textbooks.

Our summer library program enjoyed its final season. The town library at the Center for All Seasons is functioning smoothly, and our program will be phased out.

Our after school library and computer program continues to run from 3:00 to 6:00 every Wednesday afternoon. This provides our students with an opportunity to do research, computer projects, and get extra expert help and support every week throughout the school year.

The Fund provides many materials which reach every student. Special funds to provide extra Art, Reading, Math and Science materials are made available and are well used. Classroom libraries continue to grow. Our Math manipulatives provided by the Ellison Letter machine are frequently used. We have added the continents and the U.S. states to help with map skills in Social Studies.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Prescott (chair), Cal Davis, Sue Bradshaw, John Lisa, Regina Coppens

DON C. STEVENS TRUST EXPENDITURES AND PROPOSED 2002 BUDGET

	2002 proposed	2002 spent	2003 proposed
General			
Speech Festival	\$100	\$35	\$100
Miscellaneous	\$500	\$400.50	\$500
Art			
Teacher Supplies	\$1200	\$1185.79	\$1200
Laminator	\$350	\$347.50	\$2250
Ellison Letter Machine	\$1500	\$1500	\$1200
Enrichment			
PCAC	\$6400	\$6400	\$6400
Technology Resource	\$1500	\$1377.83	\$500
Stamp Club	\$150	\$150	\$150
Music	\$150	\$0	\$500
Art Enrichment			
After School	\$1000	\$875.79	\$1825
Summer	\$825	\$825	\$0
Math/Science			
Materials	\$1000	\$1000	\$1200
Gymnastics/Tennis			
	\$2200	\$0	\$0
Field Trips			
	\$1500	\$1500	\$4000
Camp Kieve			
Scholarship Fund	\$2000	\$117	\$500
Reading			
Reference	\$600	\$600	\$500
Library	\$2000	\$1528.91	\$1500
Supplemental	\$2000	\$1327.41	\$2400
Maine Student			
Book Awards	\$200	\$200	\$0
Pride Books			\$600
Playground Replacement			
	\$1700	\$2000	\$0
Totals	\$26,875	\$21,370.73	
\$25,325			

**THE ROBERT A. GUPTILL
HISTORICAL TRUST FUND**

Robert Alonzo Guptill served as the Belgrade historian for many years. He was an advocate of education believing that the knowledge of history is essential to the understanding the past and a key to the challenges of the present and the future. Following his death his family decided to continue the work and interest that had given him enjoyment and fulfillment throughout his life by establishing the Robert A. 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: Jean Frechette and Susan Bradshaw. The principal serves as an ex-officio voting member; and Phronie Hammond, a sister of Mr. Guptill, serves as a voting member throughout her lifetime.

During the 2002 year, the Robert A.Guptill Historical Trust Fund was used for presentations by Old Fort Western, a field trip to Sturbridge Village, and the purchase of videos on Colonial Days. 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 2002 Year

December 2001..... Ending Balance.....	\$3,072.64
January 30, 2002.....Old Fort Western.....	242.20
May 6, 2002.....Stamp.....	9.95
May 28, 2002.....Old Sturbridge Village....	232.00
July 26, 2002.....Educational Videos.....	200.30
December 9, 2002...Annual Interest.....	665.00
December, 2002.....Ending Balance.....	3053.19

Respectfully submitted,

John Lisa
Principal, Belgrade Central School

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dear Belgrade Residents,

Change is a constant in our lives and it is reflected in the school system as well. A new eight-room classroom addition is completed at Belgrade Central School (BCS). The students are occupying the new BCS classrooms and loving it.

As in any endeavor, you cannot have everything you want. In Belgrade's case, brick was prohibitively expensive relative to classroom space. The new classrooms allow for all children to be inside for the first time in a decade. Both teachers and students have put their new space to great use.

The next big change on the horizon is the movement of 6th grade students from Belgrade, Sidney, and Oakland elementary schools to the new middle school in Oakland, which will house grades 6, 7, and 8. Belgrade 6th grade teachers will move to the new middle school with the children. With the 6th graders gone, Belgrade Central School will have approximately 290 students in 2003-04, compared to 340 this year and 440 only six years ago.

The same pattern will occur in Sidney, as their 6th graders move into the new middle school. Oakland children will be divided between the Atwood School and the old Williams Junior High—soon to be Williams Elementary. When all is said and done, Belgrade Central and James Bean School will be K-5 schools, Atwood a K-2 school, Williams Elementary a 3-5 school and the new Messalonskee Middle School will be a 6-8.

Enrollment continues to be a concern, but for new reasons. Belgrade, Oakland and Rome's populations have stabilized. Unfortunately, Sidney's has not. Sidney's growth continues unabated, growing faster than most communities in Maine, potentially filling James Bean to capacity and beyond in the near future. Between moving the 6th graders to the new middle school and Sidney's continued growth, bus routes will change dramatically again next year.

Regarding the new Messalonskee Middle School, Mr. Rolfe and his staff continue to prepare for the new facility. As you can imagine, moving an entire school, reworking all schedules, making sure you have the staff in place, and all the other miscellaneous aspects of opening a brand new school can be daunting. It's an exciting project with hundreds of things to do but well worth it since the students will benefit so much from the new building. This winter Mr. Rolfe will be meeting with parents of both the 5th and 6th grade students as we prepare for their big move for 2003-04.

Change has not spared Messalonskee High School. A new master schedule called the 4 x 4 block was instituted this fall. Anecdotal evidence indicates that there is greater choice in classes, less disruption, greater attendance and higher academic success. As with anything new, there are always new problems to solve, such as providing more tutorial time for students, as well as schedule adjustments.

Of course, the District is impacted by events in Augusta and Washington, D.C. The Maine Legislature is grappling with a projected \$1 billion shortfall over the biennium. Clearly, this does not bode well for school districts across Maine. The trend for the past

decade has been the State pays less and less, While the local communities pay more and more.

Nationally, the federal government has arguably passed the most sweeping changes (read mandates) in U.S. history called the No Child Left Behind Act. I will keep you posted about the impact of this new law which, to date, leaves many unanswered questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. James C. Morse, Sr.
Superintendent of Schools

BELGRADE RECREATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

Once again the Belgrade Recreation Association, Inc. successfully provided three seasons of sports programs for our youngsters. T-ball, softball and baseball in the spring, soccer in the fall and basketball in the winter. These programs are primarily for children in Kindergarten through grade 6, where students have not yet reached a level where the school system is providing organized sports programs.

It was tournament time in Belgrade in the summer of 2002. Both the 10 year old and 12 year old District 5 Cal Ripken Baseball Tournaments were hosted at Workman Field in July. The best players from 5 surrounding teams came to compete for the opportunity to move on to the State tournament. They were Messalonskee, Maranacook, Farmington, Norridgewock and Jay/Livermore. We are proud to say that the Messalonskee 10 and 12 year old teams emerged as the winners in their tournament. Congratulations.

This year was a light fix-up year regarding our building and grounds projects. In the spring we spruced up the ball fields adding surface material and resetting bases. Volunteers built more benches for the players and put the field in shape to host the July tournaments. Ken Workman continued to save the fields from the summer's scorching heat by placing water hoses and tending to a rigid irrigation schedule. Thank you Ken.

We cannot thank the many coordinators, coaches, helpers and parents enough for their continuing support in providing quality sporting programs for Belgrade's youngsters. Year after year children graduate from the grade school and its sports programs and make the trip to Oakland Junior High School. Usually at this same time the supporting parents move up the ladder as well. As with all voluntary organizations in the town, there is a continuous need to have new people involved to continue the good work for future grade school children. Please get involved with the programs and make sure your child enjoys the best experience possible. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Belgrade Recreation Association, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

Belgrade Recreation Association Inc.

BELGRADE LAKES REGION, INC.

The year 2002 was once again busy & successful thanks to so many volunteers, both new & dedicated people who have been a part of the group for many years.

*Sadly, this year again saw the passing of a wonderful volunteer, **Annie Lord**, who gave more than 100 hours to the Information Center over the years. We would like to dedicate this report to her & will always remember her smiling face as she delighted in greeting the visitors and sharing her vast knowledge of the area with them. Annie was many things to many people & gave of herself to this Town in various ways within other organizations as well. She will be missed.*

These nineteen volunteers kept the Information Center open for 528 hours, welcoming 1,719 visitors.

Ellen Walter, Carl Kimball, Frank Mitchell, Ann & Reno Deschaine, Tommy Bangs, Ray Cyr, Dick Skeel, Dick Elz, Pastor Larry Wiles, Ray Winegardner, Mary Leavitt, Evelyn Charles, Marshalyn Baker, Jan Barton, Doris Mathias, Jean Casey, Sylvaan Labun, & Sylvia Amon.

Our visitors came from 35 States, & 5 foreign countries. They include: 5 of the Canadian Provinces, England, France, Japan, and New Zealand. Our own State of Maine gave us the most visitors, with MA, N.Y. and N.J. following close behind. August was the busiest month & Saturday, over the entire summers, was the busiest day. On an average day 24 visitors needed assistance. Thanks, Frank Mitchell for these statistics!!!

As we see from the above facts it is very important to keep the Center open on Saturdays. With the following business's extra support we were able to pay a person to be there the entire day. Bear Spring Camps, Days Store, Patriot-Luna Vista, Wings Hill, Yeaton Farm Inn. However, what made all this possible was the most necessary Porta Potty which again was donated for the season by Lake & Country.

Katey Sutton in honor of her mother, Kate Brandenburg, took care of the planting & care of the flowers which were donated by Jackie Healy. Special thanks go to Peg Churchill, Margurite Mosher, Terry Hammond & Frank Mitchell for opening, cleaning & organizing the Center. Thanks to Karen Swan's donation of the display racks the organizing of the brochures had a professional look. Sterling Rackcliff, Tom Barton & Ray Winegardner all gave time to keep the grounds looking neat. Because of these dedicated people, this center is what it is today, a building that is alive & buzzing with activity from June thru Labor Day.

A big thank you from all the volunteers to Chris Anderson & Tracy, of Wings Hill, for the special meal coupons given to all of us!!!!

Belgrade Lakes Region Inc. is more than the Information Center. It is about promoting this Region by distributing over 15,000 brochures every year, advertising in many promotional materials that Maine Tourism, Kennebec Valley council & other advertising media distribute. both our new web site & the Town's site have caught the attention of cyberspace visitors. This year our new Bi-lingual Rack Card will be in the Canadian Market hoping to entice folks to stay for a bit, instead of just driving thru with a visit at the Center.

All of this takes many hours of dedicated, volunteering of time & effort. For this, the Belgrade Lakes Region Inc. would like to thank all who have given so generously in this respect.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia M. Amon, President
Belgrade Lakes Region, Inc.

BELGRADE LAKES ASSOCIATION

2003 marks the 95th anniversary of the Belgrade Lakes Association, and we are happy to report this nonagenarian is going strong. With 381 due-paying members and a mailing list of 1,100, the BLA has become an effective voice in environmental awareness, watershed legislation, and initiatives to prevent the spread of invasive plants in Maine's lakes.

Efforts this past year included:

- Vigorous public outreach and education on the invasive species issue
- Paid and volunteer Courtesy Boat Inspectors at the public boat launches on Great and Long Ponds throughout the summers months
- Milfoil surveys of vulnerable areas in Great and Long Ponds and the Belgrade Stream
- A fundraising campaign to finance milfoil prevention and establish and environmental endowment
- Strenuous NPS pollution education, including a letter to each Great Pond shoreline landowner informing them of the BRCA Watershed Survey results and encouraging correction of runoff sites
- Participation on the Town of Belgrade's Land Use Ordinance Committee
- Facilitating Lake Day education at the Center for All Seasons Summer Day Camp
- Continuation of the project to eliminate Swimmer's Itch

We very much appreciate the strong support the Town of Belgrade has always provided to the lakes and to our Association, and look forward to our continued partnership in the important work of protecting these precious resources so all may enjoy them for generations to come.

Margaret S. Shannon, President
The Belgrade Lakes Association

BELGRADE LAKES CONSERVATION CORPS

The Belgrade Lakes Conservation Corps would like to thank the Town of Belgrade for its continued support during the summer of 2002. This year marked the seventh anniversary of the Conservation Corps. Eleven area high school students continued the tradition of becoming environmental ambassadors by implementing erosion control projects to reduce the amount of phosphorous running into our lakes. The cumulative effort of seven years of hard work has resulted in over 350 completed sites which really are making a difference in improving the water quality of the Belgrade Lakes.

Yet despite all the efforts, the job is far from complete. This year we had Gleotricia algae concentrations on both Great and Long Ponds. All of the algae in the Belgrade Lakes can be directly traced to phosphorous runoff from sites on shore. As you travel around our lakes you will notice many sites that still need attention from the Conservation Corps in order to reduce the threat of even more phosphorous runoff in the future.

We hope that you will continue to support the efforts of the Conservation Corps so that it may complete more projects that will help improve the water quality of the Belgrade Lakes. The Conservation Corps is an operation of the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Tipper, Chair
Belgrade Lakes Conservation Corps.

BELGRADE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER
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The Belgrade Regional Health Center is one of eleven rural health centers operated by Health Reach Community Health Centers (HRCHC), a non-profit organization based in Waterville. An agreement between HRCHC and the Belgrade Regional Health Center Board of Directors serves as the annual operational plan. The local Board of Directors is made up of 18 dedicated, volunteer members from the local communities. The Health Center was established in 1977 to provide local access to quality health care for people of the Lakes Region regardless of their ability to pay. The Town of Belgrade has traditionally supported the Health Center. That support has always been greatly appreciated.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Total patient visits:

at the Health Center for year ending June 30, 1999 (FY 1999)	6534
at the Health Center for year ending June 20, 2000 (FY 2000)	7114
at the Health Center for year ending June 30, 2001 (FY 2001)	8030
at the Health Center for year ending June 30, 2002 (FY 2002)	8604

Patients who:

residents in Belgrade who used the Health Center in (FY 2000)	738
residents in Belgrade who used the Health Center in (FY 2001)	776
residents in Belgrade who used the Health Center in (FY 2002)	772

Belgrade Residents:

Number of patients who benefited from the reduced fee program	
FY 2000	98
FY 2001	70
FY 2002	61

Total for all Towns:

Number of patients who benefited from the reduced fee program	
FY 1999	206 ?
FY 2000	260
FY 2001	229
FY 2002	205

Total Reduced Fee Subsidy for:

All Health Center patients FY 2000	\$16,222
All Health Center patients FY 2001	\$19,257
All Health Center patients FY 2002	\$21,816

Reduced for Belgrade patients

(based on per capita usage) FY 1999	\$5,537
(based on per capita usage) FY 2000	\$6,114
(based on per capita usage) FY 2001	\$5,886
(based on per capita usage) FY 2002	\$6,492

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Hours: Monday thru Friday 8:00 - 4:30 plus Tuesday evening 5:30 - 7:00

Phone 495-3323

Fax: 495-3353

Please call ahead for an appointment if possible

The Board of directors and all of the staff at the Health center would like to express their appreciation for the generous support of the people of the Town of Belgrade. Your contribution is a significant factor in our ability to maintain this great community asset.

Sincerely,

Mike Wenzel-President, Board of Directors

Bill Getty-Practice Manager

Provider Staff-Diane Campbell, M.D., Vicki Chapman, F.N.P., Marvin Lee, M.D.

Nursing Staff-Faye Nye, R.N., Lori McIntosh L.P.N., Kelly Seegmiller, R.N.,

Line Gay, R.N.

Office Staff- Wendy McDonald, Naomi Grant, Mary Decker, Jo Gagnon,

Janelle Sylvester.

BELGRADE-ROME SPECIAL NEEDS FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is located at the Belgrade Town Office and is open every Tuesday from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Our purpose is to provide food and household products for our friends and neighbors in our communities who are experiencing difficulty in providing for themselves and families.

Our clients are allowed one visit a month at which time we strive to provide enough food for one week. They are given the opportunity to make out their grocery list just as they would if they were going to the grocery store. We do our best to fulfill their needs.

In the year 2002, we have seen the biggest increase in new clients since we opened eleven years ago. With the help of dedicated Volunteers we served 43 different families this year, 21 of which were new. The total number of people in these 43 families is 115. We averaged approximately 13 families a week,, serving individuals 159 times. Some of these families received food every month while some required our services just once or twice.

A generous contribution from the Lions Club is used for our Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. In addition to this all of the local churches along with Long Pond Realty and Lake and Country Real Estate assisted us in preparing Christmas dinners that were given to many of our most needy families. Through the generosity of Longfellows Greenhouses we were able to present our clients with beautiful poinsettias. These lovely flowers brought smiles to their faces.

There were three big fund-raisers this year. In spite of the weather, the Rome Literary Club did make a big difference on "Make a Difference Day" and also with their year long bottle drive. Dr. Tim Comeford chose to make a huge difference also on the day of the Christmas Stroll. His patients showed their gratitude to him with their generosity to us. In November, the Staff and Children of Belgrade Central School collected 1401 items. We are grateful to each and everyone of you for all the time and hard work that you so generously gave to make these fund-raisers such a tremendous success.

The Food Pantries of Maine and throughout the country receive food from the United States Department of Agriculture four times a year.

We continue our association with the Good Shepherd Food Bank in Auburn. Without this organization we would not have the variety of food, treats and household products that we are now able to offer our clients.

All of this would not be possible without the generosity and continued support of so many individuals and organizations. Our heartfelt thanks go out to the following:

North Belgrade Baptist Church	Sam's Club	Day's Store
Union Church	KVM Club	Girl Scout Troop 33
Bible Church	Lions Club	Camp Runoia
Rome Baptist Church	Long Pond Realty Inc.	
Girl Scout Troop 1594	Brownie Troop 162	
Mt. Nebo Orchards	St. Theresa's Catholic Church	
Rome Ruff Riders	Gene Burgess Lake & Country Real Estate	
Belgrade Central School Teachers ,Staff and Children	Local Gardeners	Local Bakers
Belgrade Town Office Staff	Rome Literary Club	
Dr. Tim Comeford	Waterville Community Garden Club	
William Pulsifer	Belgrade Draggin Masters	
Notre Dame Fed Credit Union	Mike Pooler	

We extend our appreciation to all Citizens of both Rome and Belgrade who support our organization throughout the year with their donations of food and money. We are blessed with generous contributions from our summer residents as well.

Special thanks to all the kind, loyal and dedicated Volunteers of the Food Pantry. You are all so great and appreciated. The 2002 volunteers are:

Carolyn Alexander	Randee Bourgoin	Jan Bourne	Jean Casey
Karen Childs	Ethel Dernorsek	Ann Deschaine	Pat Pow
Reno Deschaine	Cecile Everly	Ginny Krolak	Joan Tripp
Maureen Maslak	Melda Page	Mimi Park	Joe Krolak
Marie Pulsifer	Barbara Sheblee	Barbara Smith	Ron Young
Richard Tripp	Betty Weaver	Loise Young	

All of the above mentioned contribute to the success of the Food Pantry. These kind and caring Citizens and Organizations of both Belgrade and Rome are instrumental in our effort to better serve our friends and neighbors in need. For this we are grateful. Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Pulsifer, Chairperson
Pat Pow, Secretary
Reno Deschaine, Treasurer
Joan Tripp, Volunteer Coordinator
Barbara Smith, Publicity

Board Members:
Jan Bourne
Maureen Maslak
Ruth Stone

<p style="text-align:center">BELGRADE DRAGGIN' MASTERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB</p>

Our purpose for having a report published in the Town of Belgrade Annual Report is with hope that our message reaches all the residents of our town to let them know that their cooperation as landowners is the most important aspect of being able to have trails in and through Belgrade. These trails connect all trailriders throughout Maine and provide connections to other trails which travel to additional areas of our State providing access to unlimited destinations. Many thanks to all for allowing our trails to cross on and through your properties.

The dues collected annually for membership in the "Draggin Masters" club goes directly to Maine Snowmobilers Association. The reasons to join the Club are numerous; but mainly to help support the maintenance of trails for snowmobilers. This provides advantages for our businesses who serve trailriders as they pass through, ie, eating at our local restaurants, purchasing gas, oil and supplies. Also, it is often a "first" for riders to enjoy a real sense of the beauty that exists in our town, with our great expanse of forests, lakes, etc.

Our request for town funds for support of our Club is for maintenance needs and comes to the town through monies returned to them from the State of Maine for registrations of sleds. The money is spent by reimbursing Club members and residents for trail maintenance. This maintenance includes many hours of bushhogging, removal of debris from trails in order to make them safe, building and repair of bridges. Reimbursement is for expenses only and not for the hundreds of hours of volunteered labor by our Club members who perform these duties. Other covered expenses include gas, oil, repair of the Club-owned sleds and drags.

At the expense of being repetitive from the past reports, importantly, I must remind and repeat that all snowmobilers must remember that any trash taken onto property must also be taken away. Respect landowners' rights and wishes. Drive safely at all times, respecting other riders' safety; and never ride when under the influence. The loss of a life is never worth the price of a few drinks. Snowmobile trials are not for the use of ATV's - they must get their own permission to be on landowners' properties. In fact, it is against the law. This law is enforced by State of Maine game wardens. If any resident wishes to report any problem or abuse observed, please call me at (207) 495-3445. Your request will be handled by myself or channeled to Ernie Rice, Vice President, or Bill Wadleigh, Safety Officer. The appropriate Club member will immediately respond and implement the necessary corrective measures.

Once again, the Club thanks all townspeople for their continued support for the enjoyment of snowmobiling

Sincerely,
Lou Ashland, President

THE NORTH BELGRADE GARDEN CLUB

The North Belgrade Garden Club celebrated its 53rd year in 2002.

Each year we have earned money for two projects. One is for flowers to fill the following boxes around town; Belgrade Town Office, Belgrade Post Office, North Belgrade Community Center, and the box at the "Welcome to North Belgrade" sign at the junction of Route 8 and Route 11. The second is our Educational Assistance Fund which gives a scholarship each year to a Belgrade resident who is a graduate of Messalonskee High School and has successfully completed one or more college semesters. An award is made after receiving a letter to the Club containing grades, educational goals and any special financial needs.

We are a local club with no ties to a State or National garden organization and enjoy seeing flowers in these boxes, awarding a scholarship and the social experience of going out to eat on occasion.

Monthly meetings except for January and February are held at 1:00 P.M. on the third Tuesday of the month.

During the past several years, our membership has been decreasing due to the passing of several of the members. If you are interested in any of our projects and want to help, please contact Dorothy Martin at 495-2244 or Grace Wendell at 465-7735.

Respectfully submitted by
Dorothy s. Martin, Vice President

Tree Warden 2002 Annual Report

2002 has been an extraordinary year for the trees of Belgrade. To begin the year, thanks to Katie Farrin and the Board of Selectpersons for their support. The Town of Belgrade was the recipient of another community forestry grant. This grant, literally, helped the Town accomplish the 10-year goals outlined in the Hazard Tree Assessment completed the previously in one year. That was an incredibly awesome accomplishment and a tree-mendous benefit to our community. More than 45 hazard trees were removed and all but a small portion of our community had a routine pruning completed on the non-power line side of the road. This pruning was complemented with a partnership with Central Maine Power. By working in concert with CMP, we pruned many trees here in Belgrade. Hopefully all of this work will be realized through fewer power outages, fewer tree branches down and healthier trees for a long time to come.

Another activity and partnership that occurred here in Belgrade was the pruning of the "Cathedral Pines" along Route 11 during the Maine Dept. of Transportation road widening project. By being proactive in our discussions with MDOT, we were able to work retain the magnificent pines that line the road along Rt. 11 and, are for many, a long-time symbol for our community. The pines received a much needed pruning prior to the construction to help deal with the stresses of construction and to help prolong their life.

In and amongst all of these, we also offered a Tree Steward training for Belgrade residents. Our motto of "It's not the quantity, it's the quality" truly is the case here. Two residents, John Willey and Mark Sutherland participated in the six-week training program. This training included classes in tree biology, pruning, planting and maintenance, insects/disease tree identification and soils. There were lots of "hands on" activities with every class.

Our last activity for the year was the addition of Belgrade's first "cobra bracing" system that was installed on the pine near the town line of Sidney/Belgrade on Knowles Road. Arborists Dale Gilmour, Dave Chavarie, Abel Chavarie and Belgrade Tree Warden tish carr, all helped in the installation of this non-invasive bracing system. Be sure to slow down and look up about 35' and see the latest edition.

And this is just the start! We are hoping that the coming year, although it may not see quite the quantity of activity, it surely will have the quality of care, thanks to the efforts of everyone!

think trees,

tish carr

Animal Control Officer Report

I would like to make you familiar with some of the procedures I follow in regard to following up on unlicensed pets and what to expect should you be one of the residents in this category, and receive a courtesy letter or phone call.

The fee for licensing your dogs are as follows: \$7.50 un-neutered; \$4.00 neutered plus an additional \$5.00 per dog late fee as of January 31, 2003. I do not pull the dog registration cards until after January 31st. Because this is the first full year that I have done Animal Control for your town, I am not sure how many I will find. Typically, I would find between sixty and one hundred pets on file that have not been licensed or vaccinated for the coming year. I am NOT going to call to verify that these residents still own their pets. If you have lost your pet, it is your responsibility to call the Town Office and report it to them. I can only assume that if you called the office to report the loss of your pet, and you still receive a letter or phone call from myself then your pet's license card was not pulled or updated as requested. Please understand, it will take time to update these files. A call to the office with correct pet information is all we need to update your card.

As pet situations change throughout the year, and you follow these simple suggestions, all confusion will be eliminated. Notify the Town Office or notify the Animal Control Officer.

At the last Animal Control Convention (2002) we were told about a great animal site on the internet. You can find it at www.ddfl.org. This is an animal shelter in Denver, Co. and it is loaded with information about training pets, dealing with bad pet habits and issues regarding animals in general. Check it out.....from this site came these two quotes:

"There is no such thing as a difficult dog, only an inexperienced owner."

B. Woodhouse

"Teaching your child not to step on a caterpillar is as valuable to the child as it is to the caterpillar."

B. Miller

One last item regarding animal care on cold winter days. Hopefully VERY cold days are behind us, so keep this in mind for future winters in Maine. I receive many calls from concerned neighbors and residents about dogs they see outside (maybe) neglected and (maybe) not cared for properly. Even the healthiest pets cannot take the cold days and nights outside if they are not fed and watered DAILY. Water should be changed twice a day when it is sooooo cold. If these pets have been outside pets all their lives, they should have grown a nice thick winter coat. However, as their owners, do not be fooled by thinking they are fine because they always have been. Dogs get older and winters get colder. These pets outside need a dry bed to lie on where they are completely out of the weather. Even the hardiest of dogs would appreciate a warm spot to lie on once in a while. As soon as they are thawed out (if they are anything like my outside dog) they will let you know when it is time for them to go back out side.

Respectfully submitted, Anne Cameron, Animal Control Officer

"LILLY"

Another year older and another year wiser!!! I am just loving life here in the office. It seems that I meet someone new quite often. Pal has been in to see me quite frequently and I do not let him get out the door without my treat. I will actually sit and wait for him if he leaves the office to come back in with my treats. He will of course come back with a handful of wonderful goodies. Thank you Pal!!

The ladies had another birthday party for me this year and gave me a beautiful scarf from the Catalina Islands, treats, and a party candle. Thank you Jan and Bette you are great!!

Christmas again in the office was just a "hoot" with all the great food and the presents that I received from the many people in town and from the girls in the office. Again, my "secret admirer" was in and provided me with a great amount of treats, thank you.

If I have missed thanking anyone, please forgive me, as there are numerous people that I just love to see and who come to see me. Thank you all just for visiting and please continue to do so!!! I love you all.

Stop in and visit, I love company.

***ALWAYS ,
ARF, ARF, FROM LILLY DOG OF BELGRADE***

A LETTER FROM YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

The January 8th Inaugural address by Gov. John Baldacci left little ground uncovered. Pivotal to his agenda is economic development. New programs include Pine Tree Opportunity Zones that will earmark economically distressed areas of the State for growth incentives, particularly in the areas of technology and natural resources.

As for projected \$1 Billion budget deficit for the next two fiscal years, he made it clear that there will be a major overhaul of agencies to streamline the delivery of services and reduce the bureaucracy. But it did not stop there. He called on local government to find more efficient ways of delivering services and not to depend on the State for new funding. I am reminded of President John F. Kennedy's immortal words: *Ask not what your country can do for you; as what you can do for your country.*

It is the consensus at the State level that State government has been lurching from surpluses to deficits, spending liberally in good times and running out of cash in the bad times. We went through this same scenario ten years ago during the McKernan administration. At that time, as well as this time, one of the answers was to balance the budget on the backs of the State employees through furlough days without pay. I believe that Gov. Baldacci and the Legislature want to build in safeguards that reflect planning rather than force emergency cuts that raise havoc with morale at every economic downturn. While he did not specifically say, "Read my lips," the Governor promised that the State budget would be balanced without a tax increase; as a tax increase would be a "shortsighted, short-term, remedy that in the end will only make our problems worse."

Does that mean, "No new taxes?" For those who believe that broadening the Sales Tax to services is not a tax increase, I am betting that the governor will disappoint them. But even without streamlining the State bureaucracy, there is evidence that an across-the-board cut of 5% in 2004 and an additional 1% in 2005 will balance the budget. As painful as that may be, it is not as devastating as might be expected. It remains to be seen what the final package will look like, but his signal to the local communities was to tighten their belts.

Beyond that, the Governor is committed to building a community college system out of the Maine Technical College program. And stating that he felt that the cost of health care was a personal threat to Maine people and our economy, the Governor pledged a complete overhaul of the benefit systems in Maine with universal coverage.

This is an ambitious program - one that rebuilds pride in our State. He is concerned about the brain drain of our youngest and brightest children and intends to direct his efforts toward making it not only possible, but attractive, for them to return or not leave at all. I support his ideas and applaud his courage in bucking the trend toward increasing taxes to cover deficits. I think he will find the 121st Maine Legislature, nearly half of who are newly elected, very eager to sign on to these ideas if he can deliver.

Sincerely,

Stan Moody, State Representative

Belgrade Lakes Business Group

2003 Events

February 15th	Winter Carnival at The Center for All Seasons
July 4th	July 4th celebration village parade ,fireworks & Chix BBQ etc.
July 26th	Art Festival at The Center for All Seasons
August 2nd	Beanhole Bean Supper and Loon Calling Contest
October 11th	Octoberfest Beer tent, food, music, craft, kids games etc.
December 6th	Christmas Stroll luminaries, carolers, wagon rides etc

Officers: Chris Anderson, Chair, Laura Richter, Co-Chair, Diane Oliver, Secretary, Dotty Danforth, Treasurer

Directors: Karen Swan, Gail Rizzo, Maryann Gee, Tammy Holman, Ron Bellavance

BELGRADE LAKES BUSINESS GROUP
HELPING MAKE MEMORIES LAST A LIFETIME

A LETTER FROM YOUR STATE SENATOR

Dear Belgrade Residents,

I am honored to represent you in Augusta as your State Senator. I currently serve as the Assistant Senate Majority Leader, and I am also Chair of the Legislature's Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs. I am concerned that we responsibly address the current budget problem while maintaining the quality programs, especially in education and health care, that Maine people deserve.

As Chair of the Taxation Committee, I worked particularly hard on reducing the tax burden on Maine citizens and I will continue that work. Although the State has seen a shortfall in revenues, we were able to pass a budget that adds millions of dollars to **local school funding**. Each time we are able to increase school funding, property taxes stay in check and more dollars stay in your pockets.

Of those adversely affected by rapidly increasing property taxes, perhaps none suffer more than people living on fixed incomes. To reduce this I have introduced legislation this year to provide **property tax relief for elderly citizens**. Its' designed to provide elderly long-term residents of a community some of the same tax incentives often granted to business.

Health care, too, continues to be a pressing issue. I supported a bill during the last session to establish a first-in-the-nation public-private partnership to help Maine workers and small businesses gain access to affordable health care. Too many Maine people work hard yet do not have adequate health care coverage and cannot afford the prescription drugs necessary to keep themselves healthy. This is a grave concern to both workers and employers, who want to provide good benefits to their employees but are facing ever-increasing health insurance premiums. The fight in this regard must, and will, continue!! I was happy to also co-sponsor legislation that will expand our Elderly Low Cost Drug Program. The legislation will increase the number of senior eligible for the program and add more medicines, including cancer and mental health drugs. The program will apply for federal funds to match every state dollar with two federal dollars. The Governor signed both of these important bills.

I am also very concerned with our **economy**. As development groups and communities work together to attract new business and help existing business to prosper, I stand ready to support those efforts. Our area has much to offer prospective businesses-good space and the best workers around.

I have touched upon only a few of the issues that I have worked on this session. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the State House at 287-1515, at home at 872-2338, or by e-mail at SenKen.Gagnon@state.me.us.

Sincerely,

Senator Kenneth T. Gagnon

Assistant Senate Majority Leader

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS REPORT

2002 has proven to be yet another busy year, particularly with the number of residential homes increasing yearly.

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>
Single Family Dwellings	25	36
New Seasonal Homes	02	02
Alterations/Additions	35	74
Garages/Sheds/Acces. Building	45	30
Mobile Homes	05	07
Swimming Pools	01	03
Commercial Structures	01	00
Home Occupations	00	00
Churches	00	00
Barns	00	03
Foundations/Retaining Wall	02	06
Warehouse	01	00
Shower Bldgs.	01	00
Storage Bldgs. Commercial	00	02
Gazebos	01	00
Greenhouses	00	01
Art Studios	01	00
Boathouse (Repairs)	01	01
Fill in Shoreland Zone	03	00
Bunkhouses	01	03
Denied	04	02
Withdrew permit	01	01
Consent Agreements	00	01
Permits on hold	<u>02</u>	<u>04</u>
TOTAL	132	176

Please remember, as we approach the upcoming year, that the town does require that a final inspection be conducted for all projects in which a permit was issued. Also, if your construction project involves a new driveway entrance a driveway permit is required before construction of the driveway begins.

Thank you to all the homeowners and contractors for their cooperation. It has been a pleasure working with you.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact my home at 495-3868 or the Belgrade Town Office at 495-2258.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary R. Fuller
Code Enforcement Officer

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Births Recorded In 2002	26
Marriages Recorded In 2002.....	35
Deaths Recorded In 2002	27

DEATHS

Allain, Ernest	September 12, 2002	30 years
Bell, Charles A. Jr.	June 6, 2002	69 years
Booker, Marjorie E.	January 25, 2002	59 years
Campbell, William A. Jr.	July 28, 2002	81 years
Carter, Marie A.T.	June 25, 2002	71 years
Childs, Milfred H.	April 18, 2002	81 years
Cottle, Nina M.	January 12, 2002	86 years
Domke, George P.	May 10, 2002	74 years
Dustin, Dorothy M.	July 28, 2002	94 years
Feher, Marjorie E.	February 27, 2002	82 years
Fitzwater, Donald H. Sr.	January 30, 2002	87 years
Fotter, Perham L.	July 22, 2002	76 years
Grant, Alberta M.	May 22, 2002	85 years
Hayslett, Homer T. Jr.	October 3, 2002	63 years
Johnson, Irene C.	February 4, 2002	80 years
King, Allen R.	October 8, 2002	77 years
King, James W.	October 27, 2002	69 years
Kirk, Mary C.	September 3, 2002	81 years
Lemieux, Amelia M.	September 15, 2002	86 years
McLean, Thomas C. Jr.	December 10, 2002	83 years
Meador, Ina E.	September 10, 2002	85 years
Minot, James L. Jr.	June 3, 2002	69 years
Quirion, Sherry L.	December 4, 2002	39 years
Smith, Dorothy F.	May 19, 2002	80 years
Snyder, Martin F.	July 4, 2002	82 years
Walter, Mary L.	September 8, 2002	94 years
William, Norman E. Jr.	March 4, 2002	54 years

*****DOG LICENSING*****

Licenses Issued.....256 Kennel Licenses Issued.....8

*****RESIDENT FISH & WILDLIFE LICENSES*****

Junior Hunting.....	56
Adult Hunting	129
Adult Hunt & Fish Combination.....	305
Servicemens' Combination	04
Supersport	05
Fishing	417
Archery	48
Small Game Hunt.....	00
Archery Combination	01
Duck Stamps.....	44
Pheasant Stamps	1
Muzzle Loading Stamps.....	41
Bear Permits.....	21
Expanded Archery.....	10
Fall Turkey.....	10
Total.....	1092

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

**2000 UNPAID REAL PROPERTY TAXES
AS OF JANUARY 31, 2003**

Name	Amount
ALLEN BARBARA	\$710.12
MEGILL MARK	<u>\$909.09</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,619.21

2001 UNPAID PROPERTY TAXES

Name	Amount
ALEXANDER CORY	1328.59
ALLEN BARBARA	732.44
BARTLETT BERTHA	206.88
BERUBE GERARD	625.76
BONNEFACE DARLENE	1294.08
BONNEFACE DARLENE	230.41
BORSEEN ARNE	1359.97
BRUNON MARC	113.44
BURTON CLAUDIA	1716.10
BURTON TERRY	1345.85
CLARK ELIZABETH	1363.11
CONANT DOUGLAS	547.32
COOK KENNETH	1126.21
DAVIS JEFFREY	430.81
DION RANDY	862.65
DONAHUE ANDREW	555.16
DORAY DARLENE	326.11
DOSTIE FLORIAN	1322.32
DULAC PAULA	2573.21
FLANNIGAN BARLTLETT	2511.49
FRENCH HELEN	621.05
GRANT JEFFREY	570.85
GREEN WAYNE	329.25
HAMILTON KENNETH	856.38
HANSON JENNIFER	313.56
HOWE MICHAEL	933.36
JOHNSON EVERETT	777.93
KADNAR GLORIA	1107.39
KENNEY CINDY	355.92
KETCH EDWARD	1130.92
LONG MICHAEL	194.27
MEGILL MARK	937.96
MILLS JOEL	322.97
NILSON RHONDA	161.57
PELLETIER ROGER	320.77
PEPPER DAVID	520.65
PEPPER DAVID	782.64
PEPPER DAVID	1454.10

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2001 UNPAID PROPERTY TAXES (CONTINUED)

Name	Amount
RAYNES DAVID	1513.72
SAWYER CARROLL	100.20
SAWYER CARROLL	315.13
SAWYER CARROLL	1163.87
ST AMAND NANCY	1049.34
STEVENS ORMAND	445.34
STEVENS ORMAND	53.13
VOGEL JAMES	417.15
VOLK HERBERT	25.30
WALKER JEWELINE	685.37
WEBSTER JAMISON	136.28
WILSON BETTY JO	1092.28
WOOD HARVEY	<u>1595.30</u>
TOTAL	40,771.30

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2002 UNPAID PROPERTY TAXES

Name	Amount
ADAMS BARBARA	421.82
ALEXANDER CHARLES	28.98
ALEXANDER SHERRY	1334.69
ALLEN BARBARA	718.06
AMIK	7653.94
ARDITO RALPH	1070.65
BAREJKA GAIL	1315.37
BARTLETT BERTHA	178.71
BARTLETT DEBORAH	1326.64
BARTLETT ROBERT	777.63
BELANGER TERRI	871.01
BELANGER THOMAS	293.02
BERGERON MARTHA	114.31
BERUBE GERARD	613.41
BESSEY JAMES	621.09
LADD JAYNE	1019.13
BICKFORD SUSAN	520.03
BICKFORD THOMAS	294.63
BIRCH RON	961.23
BIRCHROCK AT BELGRADE	2893.17
BODINSKI CHESTER	1439.34
BONNEFACE DARLENE	1299.27
BONNEFACE DARLENE	207.69
BOOKER PAUL	2535.75
BORSEEN ARNE	1366.89
BRANN ROBERTO	920.92
BRUNON MARC	86.94
BUCK PATRICIA	1109.29
BUCK PATRICIA	41.86
BUKER GEORGE	845.25
BUREAU KENNETH	1598.73
BURGESS GENE	189.08
BURGESS LEON	630.54
BURTON CLAUDIA	1725.92
BURTON TERRY	1352.40
BWD ASSOCIATES	532.91
CAMPBELL RONALD	255.99
CAMPLOON CORP	1139.88
CAPPELLO ANGELO	596.82

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2002 UNPAID PROPERTY TAXES (CONTINUED)

Name	Amount
CARPENTER DANA	2009.28
CARPENTER DANA	96.60
CHILDS MILFRED	202.68
CHURCHILL ROBERT	1619.66
CLARK ELIZABETH	1370.11
CLEMENTS RAELYN	1421.63
CONANT DOUGLAS	532.91
COOK KENNETH	1122.17
CRAWFORD LOIS	2608.20
CROMMETT CRAIG	1515.01
CROSBY DONALD	1263.85
DANFORTH VERONICA	491.05
DAVIS JEFFREY	724.50
DAVIS ROBERT	322.00
DAY MARK	1501.81
DEMOES CAROLUS	5198.69
DESIMONE MICHAEL	312.34
DEXTER PATRICK	1371.72
DION RANDY	856.52
DOLAK ROBERT	473.34
DONAHUE ANDREW	536.13
DORAY DARLENE	301.07
DOSTIE FLORIAN	1328.25
DOUCETTE LAURIER	1027.18
DOUGLAS SUZETTE	2759.54
DUFFY RICHARD	2310.35
DULAC PAULA	3004.26
EATON CHARLES	513.59
EGO GLORIA	903.21
ELLIS ANITA	1371.72
FAIRFIELD JOSEPH	1226.82
FARRIS CARROLL	1366.89
FELDBOUSE WALTER	526.47
FINELY MARTIN	735.77
FISCHER KEITH	927.36
FLANAGAN BARTLET	2532.53
FONTAINE WILFRED	2360.26

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2002 UNPAID PROPERTY TAXES (CONTINUED)

Name	Amount
FOX CHARLES	3259.37
FRENCH GAIL	635.95
FRENCH HELEN	603.75
FRONTIER VISION	193.33
GAGNON CHARLES	550.69
GALLAGHER MICHAEL	291.41
GERTLOFF WILLIAM III	1152.76
GILMAN JOHN	2023.77
GOULD ROGER	940.59
GOULD ROGER	144.90
GRANT JEFFREY	557.06
GRANT SHAWN	603.75
GRANT SHAWN	1502.13
GREAT POND PARTNERS	7660.38
GREEN WAYNE	304.29
HAMILTON KENNETH	845.25
HANSON JENNIFER	288.19
HAUF ROBERT	1128.61
HILLIARD GARY	315.56
HOLMAN JEFFREY	360.64
HOOPER LUCRETIA	713.23
HOWE MICHAEL	1539.16
HUDSON DOROTHY	516.81
HUNSICKER CAROL	1352.40
HUTCHINGS DUANE	162.61
JOHNSON EVERETT	769.58
KADNAR GLORIA	1107.68
KENNEBEC CAMPS	134.20
KENNEY CINDY	331.66
KETCH EDWARD	1131.66
KINNEY KEVIN	974.05
KLEIN ROBERT	1202.67
KNOX-VOINA JANE	602.14
KOSONEN LENNARD	204.77
LACHANCE RICHARD	988.54
LAFLAMME MONIQUE	100.00
LAFRENIERE LANCE	2035.04
LAMBERT DAWN	1288.00

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2002 UNPAID PROPERTY TAXES (CONTINUED)

Name	Amount
LANGUET ALBERT	1238.09
LAVENSON JOEL	2.00
LAVENSON JOEL	23.80
LEIBFRIED EDWARD	956.34
LEWIS DON	2205.70
LIBBY CECILE	1510.18
LIBBY KEITH	679.42
LITTLE ROSEMARY	937.02
LONG MICHAEL	1946.49
LORD DENISE	1445.78
MAGOON THOMAS	2147.74
MAINE CENTRAL RAILROAD	793.73
MAINE CENTRAL RAILROAD	209.30
MAINE CENTRAL RAILROAD	90.16
MEREIROS SCOTT	284.97
MEGILL MARK	928.97
MERROW CHRIS	468.51
MERROW EUGENE	752.26
MERROW LAWRENCE	775.84
MICHAUD DAWN	357.42
MILLER SANDRA	32.40
MILLS JOEL	297.85
MOORE NELLIE	259.21
MORNEAU PAUL	1568.14
NABROWSKY JAMES	1278.34
NIEDNER MARGARET	82.11
NILSON RHONDA	684.25
NILSON RHONDA	795.34
O'DONNELL TIMOTHY	1275.12
OLHA WILLIAM	325.22
OSMOND DAVID	1484.42
PAQUET DAVID	1535.94
PAQUETTE DAVID	138.46
PELLETIER ROGER	948.29
PELOTTE FANADO	193.20
PEPPER DAVID	521.64
PEPPER DAVID	740.60
PEPPER DAVID	1458.66

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2002 UNPAID PROPERTY TAXES (CONTINUED)

Name	Amount
PINKHAM CATHERINE	465.29
PITEAU SANDRA	854.74
POTVIN LORI JEAN	196.64
PRAY EDNA	692.30
RAYNES DAVID	1519.84
RUBIN KENNETH	2215.36
RUPEIKIS RICHARD	394.25
SANDGREN CARL	1350.26
SAUCIER JAMES	1395.87
SAWYER CARROLL	69.23
SAWYER CARROLL	289.80
SAWYER CARROLL	1165.64
SEIFERT BETTY	412.16
SERIO FRANK	2345.77
SHEPARD RHONDA	2068.85
SHIRLEY & LAMBERT	2001.23
SHIVERICK DAYLE	1259.02
SIROIS SHIRLEY	79.06
SMITH RENE	297.85
SPAULDING LOYAL	1371.72
SPAULDING LOYAL	1313.76
ST AMAND NANCY	1043.28
STANLEY LARRY	2081.73
STANTON CAROL	1315.37
STEVENS ORMAND	428.26
STEVENS ORMAND	20.93
STEVENS PATRICK	523.25
STEVENS TASHA	1231.65
STILPHEN ARTHUR	1787.10
STILPHEN ARTHUR	244.72
STOOPS JESSICA	777.56
STRATTON PAUL	635.95
STUART CHARLES	1598.73
STUART CHARLES	1703.38
STUART CHARLES	1719.48
STURTEVANT MARK	53.03
TARFIF LIONEL	205.14
THERIAULT DANIEL	864.57

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2002 UNPAID PROPERTY TAXES (CONTINUED)

TINER JOSEPH	470.12
TINKER JOSEPH..	305.90
TRIPP MARJORIE..	220.57
VOGEL JAMES	946.68
VOLK HERBERT	1442.56
WALKER JEWELINE	669.76
WEBSTER JOHN	1489.25
WEBSTER JAMISON	114.31
WEIR RICHARD	411.88
WEISBEIN HAROLD	592.86
WILSON BETTY JO	1199.45
WILSON ROBERT	1265.46
WINN GENDA	904.82
WITHEE PATRICIA	832.37
WOOD HARVEY	1063.56
WRIGHT CHESTER	497.15
WRIGHT CHESTER	326.83
WRIGHT JAMES	408.11
ZOZULA ROBERT	<u>3920.35</u>
TOTAL UNPAID TAXES 2002..	\$214,949.81

AUDITOR'S REPORT

**(note to Printer-Please scan Auditor letter
and accompanying report- 3 pages)**

**COMPLETE AUDITOR REPORT ON FILE
IN THE BELGRADE TOWN OFFICE**

AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

<p>HOW THE ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX MIL RATE IS CALCULATED</p>
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MUNICIPAL
+ EDUCATION (MSAD #47)
+ COUNTY = *TOTAL EXPENDITURE*

STATE REVENUE SHARING
ROAD ASSISTANCE
ALL STATE/FEDERAL FUNDING
VEHICLE EXCISE TAX = *TOTAL NON-PROPERTY TAX*
LICENSE/PERMIT FEES *REVENUES*
TOWN FEES
BOAT EXCISE
OTHER MISC INCOME

TOTAL EXPENDITURES -
TOTAL NON-PROPERTY TAX REVENUES = *NET TO BE RAISED BY*
PROPERTY TAXES

NET TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES +
OVERLAY (MAX 5% OF NET) = *COMMITMENT*

COMMITMENT = *MIL RATE*
TOTAL OF MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENTS

2002 PROPERTY TAX CALCULATIONS

2002 Municipal Property Valuation = \$241,062,500

Total Revenues Required
(School/Municipal/Co.) = \$ 4,902,736

Total Non-Property Tax Revenues = \$1,069,955

\$ 4,902,736 - \$1,069,955 = \$ 3,832,781 (Net raised through taxation)

\$ 3,832,781 + \$ 48,325 (Overlay) = \$ 3,881,106 Commitment

\$ 3,881,106 ÷ \$ 241,062,500 = **.0161 Mil Rate**

\$\$ THE TOWN'S MONEY \$\$

WHERE IT COMES FROM

Property Tax.....	78.50%	Excise
Tax.....	10.50%	
State/Other Revenues.....		11.00%

**WHERE IT WENT IN 2002
OVERALL % ANALYSIS**

County.....	6.00%	
School.....	64.00%	
Municipal.....		30.00%

**WHERE IT WENT IN 2002
OVERALL % ANALYSIS**

General Gov't.....	19.25%	Public Safety.....	9.25%
Public Works.....	50.00%	Social Services.....	4.00%
Recreation.....	10.25%	Inter Gov't.....	1.75%
Debt Service.....	2.75%	Other.....	2.75%

