

**TOWN OF JAFFREY
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2023**

Members Present: Norm Langevin, Bob Schaumann, Frank Sterling, Patty Farmer, Peter Maki, Kathy Batchelder

Staff Present: Town Manager Frederick, Finance Director FitzGerald, Department Heads, Administrative Assistant Zola

Meeting opened: 6:00pm

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

On a motion by Schaumann, seconded by Sterling, meeting minutes from January 7, 2023 were approved (6-0). Batchelder abstained as she didn't attend the meeting.

WARRANT REVIEW

PFAS Treatment - This article is to approve \$10 million for constructing a water treatment building and associated equipment for removing PFAS from the Turnpike Road wells. There are numerous bonds and grants to fund this, with the remaining balance to be supported by water user fees.

Letourneau Drive - This article is to raise \$1.5 Million to manage the design, engineering, permitting and construction of a replacement bridge. 90% will be reimbursed from FEMA and 10% will be funded by the Bridge Rehabilitation CRF.

There are 21 articles this year, with CRF's being combined into 1 article, 2 TIFD articles and Expendable Trust items into 1 article as well as Social Service requests being part of the budget and not separate Warrant Articles.

Of note:

- Donations and rental fees for the Meetinghouse per the State have to go to the Town first, then deposited into the CRF.
- BOS would be named the agents to expend from the Highway Equipment CRF to allow quicker access to funds in case of emergency to avoid waiting until Town Meeting to be voted on.
- Downtown TIFD to be expanded to include WW Cross
- Veterans Tax Credit to be re-adopted due to State change to include active duty personnel.

- Community Power public information meetings will be held on February 1st & 13th

- Estimated return to UFB will be \$135,439. The State recommends the balance to be 5-17%, Jaffrey is at 12%.

On a motion by Turcotte, seconded by Batchelder, the Warrant Articles in the amount of \$13,330.500 were tentatively approved (7-0).

BUDGET HEARING SLIDE REVIEW

On slide #4 “Summary of 2023 Proposed Budget- it was suggested to change the wording from “requests” to “approved”.

It was suggested by Sterling to include the amount of fund balances and TM Frederick noted that this will be on the Layman’s Warrant.

“No impact on the tax rate” be added to all articles using CRF’s.

Under goals - “Steady funding stream” should be added.

All other slides were reviewed without any changes noted.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Batchelder, seconded by Maki, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36pm.

Next Meeting is the Public Budget Hearing

Saturday, February 11, 2023 9:00am at the Jaffrey Fire Station.

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