

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TOWN OF JAFFREY  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
2014**

**Elections – March 11, 2014 (8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)  
Business Meeting – March 15, 2014 (9:00 a.m.)**

**TO:** The inhabitants of the Town of Jaffrey, in the County of Cheshire, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Veterans of Foreign War, Post 5613 in said Jaffrey on Tuesday, the 11th of March, 2014 at eight o'clock in the forenoon (polls close at 7:00 p.m.) to vote for the town officers and to act on other questions as required by law to be decided by official ballot. Pursuant to RSA 39:2-a and the vote of the Town at the adjourned session of Town Meeting on March 13, 1979 and the Town Meeting on March 13, 1993, the business portion of the meeting will be recessed until nine o'clock in the forenoon, Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at the Ernest J. Pratt Auditorium in Jaffrey, at which time the Town will act on all subjects described in the following Warrant Articles except those requiring action by official ballot:

**Art. 1.** To choose the following Town Officers: (by Official Ballot)

Selectman -	one person for three-year term
Trustee of Trust Funds -	one person for three-year term
Library Trustee -	one person for three-year term
Supervisor of the Checklist –	one person for six-year term
Town Clerk –	one person for three-year term
Town Treasurer –	one person for three-year term
Moderator -	one person for two-year term

**Art. 2.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following amendments to the Jaffrey Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Jaffrey Planning Board to be voted by Official Ballot: (The exact text of each of the proposed changes is available at the Town Clerk's office, on the Town website and at the polling place.)

1. Are you in favor of Amendment #1 to the Jaffrey Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This article amends Section XVI, Impact Fee Ordinance, to amend Article XV, Establishment and Review of Fees?

2. Are you in favor of Amendment #2 to the Jaffrey Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This article amends Section IV, General Provisions That May Apply to More Than One Zoning District, Section 4.9, 4.22 – 4.25, and Section 5.1 Explanatory Notes Defining Frontage and Setback?
3. Are you in favor of Amendment #3 to the Jaffrey Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This article makes administrative changes to the Jaffrey Land Use Code to improve clarity and organization.

**Art. 3.** That all reports submitted by Town Officers be accepted as read and as printed in the Town Report.

**Art. 4.** To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Select Board and AFSCME Local 2973, Department of Public Works employees, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2014	\$14,668
2015	\$14,962

And further to raise and appropriate the total sum of \$14,668 (Fourteen thousand six hundred sixty eight dollars) for the current fiscal year and authorize the withdrawal of \$2,730 from the Water Department Fund (with the balance of \$11,938 to come from general taxation), such total sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0)*

**Art. 5.** Shall the Town, if Article 4 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 4 cost items only? *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0).*

**Art. 6.** To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Select Board and AFSCME Local 3657, Police Department employees, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2014	\$13,642
2015	\$13,913

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,642 (Thirteen thousand six hundred forty two dollars) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at

current staffing levels. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0.)*

**Art. 7.** Shall the Town, if Article 6 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 6 cost items only? *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0).*

**Art. 8.** To see if the town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of police special details. All revenues received for police special details will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund unassigned fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0).*

**Art. 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for the operation of the water and sewer systems, to be funded entirely through user fees and other non-property tax resources:

Water Department	\$ 1,106,739
Sewer Department	<u>\$ 1,855,195</u>
	\$ 2,961,934

*Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

**Art. 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,103,813 (Six million, one hundred three thousand, eight hundred thirteen dollars) for general municipal operations. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

**Art. 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 (One thousand dollars) to be deposited into the Cemetery Trees Trust Fund established in 2007. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

**Art. 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 (Two thousand dollars) to be deposited into the Gravestone Restoration Trust Fund established in 2000. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

**Art. 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 (Three thousand dollars) to be deposited into the Meeting House Trust Fund established in 1991. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

**Art. 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,500 (Twenty four thousand five hundred dollars) to be added to the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established to pay for the NH constitutionally required revaluation of property every five years. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0)*

**Art. 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 (Seventy five thousand dollars) to be deposited into the Municipal Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund established in 2010 pursuant to RSA 35:1. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

**Art 16.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 (One hundred thousand dollars) for the purchase of a medium duty dump truck (approx. GVW 19,500 lbs.) with plow for the Highway Department. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

**Art 17.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 (One hundred fifty thousand dollars) for the purchase of a backhoe for the Highway Department with the source of funds being \$50,000 from the Water Fund, \$50,000 from the Sewer Fund and \$50,000 from the General Tax Revenue. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

**Art 18.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$143,000 (One hundred forty-three thousand dollars) for the purchase of a six-wheel dump truck, sander and plow. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

**Art 19.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$56,000 (Fifty-six thousand dollars) for the replacement of the Fire Department Command Vehicle and authorize the withdrawal of \$26,000 (Twenty-six thousand dollars) from the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of \$30,000 (Thirty thousand dollars) is to come from general taxation. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (5-0-1)*

**Art. 20.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$5,000 (Five thousand dollars) to be deposited into the Land Acquisition Capital Reserve Fund established in 2008 under the provisions of RSA 35:1. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0)*

**Art. 21.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the Stone Arch Bridge Tax Increment Finance District Financing Plan. *Recommended by the Select Board (2-0)*

**Art. 22.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the Downtown Tax Increment Finance District Financing Plan. *Recommended by the Select Board (2-0)*

**Art. 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,963 (Four thousand nine hundred sixty three dollars) to Southwestern Community Services, Inc. (SCS), a private non-profit, Community Action Agency. In 2012-2013 SCS provided 1,218 units of service to the citizens of Jaffrey totaling \$496,302.70 in direct assistance. SCS is requesting 1% of the amount of that direct assistance equaling \$4,963.00. The 1% request results in an increase from the amount requested in 2013-2014. Submitted by Petition. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

**Art. 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000) to Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services to support the continuance of visiting nursing and hospice services being provided to the residents of Jaffrey. Submitted by Petition. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

**Art. 25.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 for support of the Jaffrey-Rindge Memorial Ambulance, a non-profit agency, or take any action relating thereto. Submitted by petition. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

**Art. 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 for the support of the Monadnock Community Early Learning Center, a non-profit agency, or take any other action relating thereto. Submitted by Petition. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (4-2).*

**Art. 27.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 to The Community Kitchen, Inc. located in Keene, NH for services provided to Jaffrey residents. Submitted by Petition. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

**Art. 28.** To see if the Town of Jaffrey will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the support of The River Center, a nonprofit agency providing services to the citizens of Jaffrey, or take any action relating thereto. Submitted by petition. *Not recommended by the Select Board (0-3) and the Budget Committee (1-5).*

**Art. 29.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,821 for the support of the Monadnock Family Services, or take any other action relating thereto. Submitted by Petition. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0)*

**Art. 30.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 to the Jaffrey Civic Center to help support its ongoing community activities and events. Submitted by petition. *Not recommended by the Select Board (1-2) and the Budget Committee (2-4).*

**Art. 31.** That the New Hampshire State Legislature join nearly 500 municipalities and 16 other states, including all other New England states, in calling upon Congress to move forward to a constitutional amendment that guarantees the right of our elected representatives and of the American people to safeguard fair elections through authority to regulate political spending, and clarifies that constitutional rights were established for people, not corporations.

That the New Hampshire Congressional delegation support such a constitutional amendment.

That the New Hampshire State Legislature support such an amendment once it is approved by Congress and sent to the state for ratification.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Jaffrey's congressional delegation, and to Jaffrey's state legislators, and to the President of the United States informing them of the instructions from their constituents by the selectmen within 30 days of the vote. Submitted by petition.

**Art. 32.** We the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Jaffrey do hereby petition to have the following article added to the Town Meeting Warrant for 2014.

We recognize and affirm:

- Jaffrey voters have a fundamental and inherent right to an anonymous ballot cast in secret in all elections.
- All citizens and election officials in our town share a fundamental right and responsibility to verify and ensure that ballots are counted and reported accurately.

Submitted by petition

**Art. 33.** We the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Jaffrey do hereby petition to have the following article added to the Town Meeting Warrant for 2014.

To see if voters want town and election officials to comply with recommendations of 2009 State Advisory Committee Report and develop a plan for our approval in March 2015 that protects our right and responsibility to verify and ensure ballots are counted and reported accurately.

From, p. 21: "Ballot counting accuracy, security and credibility are essential for a democracy to function. Ongoing efforts to test accuracy and maintain security for tabulators and paper ballots must be supported by the cities and towns responsible for counting ballots in elections. The primary cost of tabulator testing and security must be borne by the towns and cities."

The Town's plan should inspire public confidence in elections by protecting against known electronic voting risks:

- Verify that computer is tallying ballots accurately on election day.
- Find common errors voters make in marking ballots and provide voter education as needed.

Submitted by petition

**Art. 34.** To take up any other business which may come legally before this meeting.

Jaffrey Board of Selectmen

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Donald MacIsaac, Chairman

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Kathleen Batchelder

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Thomas Rothermel

True Copy of Warrant Attest:

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Donald MacIsaac, Chairman

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Kathleen Batchelder

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Thomas Rothermel

Warrant and Budget Posted: February 19, 2014