

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF JAFFREY
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
2015**

**Elections – March 10, 2015 (8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
Business Meeting – March 14, 2015 (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 10th of March, 2015 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 14th, 2015, 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 -	two persons for three-year term
Supervisor of the Checklist –	one person for two-year term
Supervisor of the Checklist –	one person for six-year term

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of Wastewater Asset Management & Facility Planning, and any other costs related thereto, and to authorize the issuance of not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33 et. seq.), as amended, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes, and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof, and to take any other action the Board deems appropriate to effectuate the sale and/or issuance of said bonds, and to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may become available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to this project; further, without impairing the status of this bond as a general obligation bond of the Town, it is the intention and expectation of the Selectmen that debt service on this bond will be paid by Sewer User Fees.

*Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).
2/3 Ballot Vote Required.*

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 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	\$ 1,140,443
Sewer Department	<u>\$ 1,990,211</u>
	\$ 3,130,654

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

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,342,820 (Six Million, Three Hundred Forty-Two Thousand, Eight Hundred Twenty Dollars) for general municipal operations. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

Art. 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$172,360 (One Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Dollars) for final design of a new Town Office Building (to include various town departments, with the possible inclusion of the Police Department), including site design and engineering, geotechnical, easement acquisition, construction bidding and related work. Said appropriation to be offset by \$45,192 (Forty-Five Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars) from the Downtown Tax Increment Fund. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until this phase of the project is completed or by December 31, 2017. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Downtown Tax Increment Finance District Financing Plan. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0)*

Art. 8. 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. 9. To see if the Town will vote to increase the optional veteran's tax credit as authorized by RSA 72:28 II from \$300 to \$400 effective April 1, 2015. *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 \$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. 11. 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. 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten thousand dollars) for the payment of the NH constitutionally required revaluation of property every five years and to authorize the withdrawal of \$10,000 (Ten thousand dollars) from the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose. *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 \$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 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a five year lease agreement for \$285,000 (Two Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of leasing a road grader for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,510 (Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Ten Dollars) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority Vote required). *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

Art. 15. Should Article 14 be defeated, to see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$60,510 (Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Ten Dollars) to be deposited into the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in 1997 for the purpose of purchasing new or refurbished existing highway equipment. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0)*

Art. 16. Should Article 14 be defeated, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to repair the 1986 road grader. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0)*

Art 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$130,000 (One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars) for a front end loader for the Highway Department, and authorize the withdrawal of \$33,250 (Thirty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The balance of \$96,750 (Ninety-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars) is to come from general taxation. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

Art. 18. Should Article 17 be defeated, to see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$96,750 (Ninety-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars) to be deposited into the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in 1997 for the purpose of purchasing new or refurbished existing highway equipment. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0)*

Art. 19. 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. 20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$40,000 (Forty Thousand Dollars) to be deposited into the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 1996 for the purpose of purchasing new or refurbished existing firefighting or rescue equipment. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0)*

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of replacing the Recreation Department tractor, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,500 (Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) to be placed in this fund, and to appoint the Select Board as agent to expend. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0)*

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a long-term agreement with Borrego Inc., or its successors or assigns, to lease land at the Jaffrey Landfill to facilitate the development of a solar array, with the energy generated to reduce costs to operate the municipal sewer system. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0)*

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 35:9-a II, to authorize the Trustees of Trust Funds to pay for capital reserve fund investment management services, and any other expenses incurred, from capital reserve fund income. No vote by the town to rescind such authority shall occur within five years of the original adoption of this article. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0)*

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to enter into a long-term agreement to lease land on Union Street (Map 239, Lots 212 & 213, known as the Community Center Property) to the Community Center of Jaffrey, Inc., a non-profit corporation, with the purpose of facilitating the construction of a privately-funded community center under terms and conditions to be negotiated by the Select Board. (By petition) *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0).*

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,578 (Six thousand five hundred seventy eight dollars) to Southwestern Community Services, Inc. (SCS), a private non-profit, Community Action Agency. In 2013-2014 SCS provided 1,212 units of service to the citizens of Jaffrey totaling \$657,757 in direct assistance. SCS is requesting 1% of the amount of that direct assistance equaling \$6,578.00. 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. 26. 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. 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 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. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0).*

Art. 29. 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.

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

Art. 30. 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. 31. 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 (6-0).*

Art. 32. 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. 33. To see if the Town would prefer to discontinue the process to require outside organizations to submit petition warrant articles seeking town funding, to be replaced by a single warrant article which lists all agencies seeking support along with the Select Board's and Budget Committee's recommended appropriation thereon? *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0)*

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

Jaffrey Board of Selectmen

Kathleen Batchelder, Chairman

Thomas Rothermel

Donald MacIsaac

True Copy of Warrant Attest:

Kathleen Batchelder, Chairman

Thomas Rothermel

Donald MacIsaac

Warrant and Budget Posted: February 11, 2015