

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TOWN OF JAFFREY  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
2017**

**Elections – March 14, 2017 (8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)  
Business Meeting – March 18, 2017 (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 14th of March, 2017 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 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
Library Trustee -	one person for three-year term
Supervisor of the Checklist -	one person for a six-year term
Town Clerk -	one person for a three-year term
Treasurer -	one person for a three-year term
Trustee of Trust Funds -	one person for three-year term

**Art. 2** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following amendments to the Jaffrey Zoning Land Use Code, 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 and on the Town Website).

1. Are you in favor of Amendment #1 to the Land Use Code to amend Section II: Definitions and amend Section V: General Provisions that May Apply to More Than One Zoning District?

2. Are you in favor of Amendment #2 to the Land Use Code to amend Section IV: District Regulations and Permitted Uses, to, amend Section XIII: Innovative Land Use and amend Section XX: Wetlands Conservation District?
3. Are you in favor of Amendment #3 to the Land Use Code to amend Section VI: Areas and Setbacks for Buildings – All Districts?
4. Are you in favor of Amendment #4 to the Land Use Code to amend Section X: Guidelines for the Board of Adjustment?
5. Are you in favor of Amendment #5 to the Land Use Code to amend Section XV: Small Wind Energy Systems?
6. Are you in favor of Amendment #6 to the Land Use Code to amend Section XVI: Signs?

**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 establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of Fire Special Details. All revenues received for Fire 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 (2-0).*

**Art. 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,007,908 (One Million, Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred, Eight Dollars) to pre-pay and retire the following debt service incurred by the Town on the following water system projects:

WATER ENTERPRISE FUND LONG-TERM DEBT

			12/31/2016			
	YEAR	ORIGINAL	CURRENT	INTEREST	DEBT	MATURITY
PURPOSE	ISSUED	AMOUNT	BALANCE	RATE	HOLDER	DATE
Water Enterprise Fund						
New Water Source	2011	\$1,318,434.64	\$901,440.44	2.86%	NHDES	2030
(Less - NHDES)		(\$394,015.00)	(\$269,589.39)			
River St Water Main	2006	\$850,000.00	\$420,526.30	3.35%	NHDES	2026
(Less - NHDES)		\$170,000.00	(\$80,526.50)			

And further, to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$675,298 (Six Hundred Seventy-five Thousand, Two Hundred Ninety-eight Dollars) from the Water Restricted Fund and up to \$332,610 (Three Hundred, Thirty-two Thousand, Six Hundred, Ten Dollars) from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance to fund this Article. Recommended by the Select Board (2-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).

**Art. 6.** 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	\$ 875,652
Sewer Department	<u>\$ 2,006,959</u>
	\$ 2,882,611

*Recommended by the Select Board (2-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

**Art. 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,357,088 (Six Million Three Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Eighty-Eight dollars) for general municipal operations. *Recommended by the Select Board (2-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

**Art. 8** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$138,000 (One Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand) to be deposited into the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in 1997 for the purpose of purchasing new, or the refurbishment of existing highway equipment. *Recommended by the Select Board (2-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

**Art. 9.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of acquiring land, completing design and engineer and constructing a Town Office building, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) to be

placed in this fund (to be known as the Town Office Capital Reserve Fund), and to appoint the Select Board as agent to expend. *Recommended by the Select Board (2-0) and Budget Committee (6-0)*

**Art. 10.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$60,000 (Sixty Thousand dollars) to be deposited into the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 1996 for the purpose of purchasing new or refurbishing existing firefighting and/or rescue equipment. *Recommended by the Select Board (2-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

**Art. 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 (Seventy-Five Hundred dollars) for the payment of the property assessment services and to authorize the withdrawal of \$7,500 (Seventy-Five Hundred dollars) from the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose. *Recommended by the Select Board (2-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

**Art. 12.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a TIF District Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of funding infrastructure enhancements to the Downtown area, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 (Forty Thousand Dollars) to be placed in this fund, and to appoint the Select Board as agent to expend. Funds are to come from the Downtown Tax Increment Finance District. *Recommended by the Select Board (2-0 ) and the Budget Committee (6-0 ).*

**Art. 13.** 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. 14.** 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 (2-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

**Art. 15.** 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 (2-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

**Art. 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 (One Thousand Dollars) to be deposited into the Gravestone Restoration Trust Fund established in 2000. *Recommended by the Select Board (2-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

**Art. 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 (One Thousand Dollars) to be deposited into the Meetinghouse Trust Fund established in 1991. *Recommended by the Select Board (2-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

**Art. 18.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 dollars (One 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 (2-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

**Art. 19.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of design, engineer and rehabilitate bridges throughout Jaffrey, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) to be placed in this fund (to be known as the Bridge Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund), and to appoint the Select Board as agent to expend. *Recommended by the Select Board (2-0) and Budget Committee (6-0)*

**Art. 20.** Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from service and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28-d.

**Art. 21.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a long-term lease with the State of New Hampshire, Department of Resources and Economic Development which would allow the State to operate and maintain trails on the so-called "Ainsworth Lot" as part of the State's Monadnock State Park. *Recommended by the Select Board (2-0)*

**Art. 22.** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Water Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 2006. There are no funds remaining in this this fund and the project has been completed. *(Recommended by the Select Board (2-0))*

**Art. 23.** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue absolutely and completely that portion of Cheshire Street from the easterly side of the intersection of White Road and Cheshire Street running southeasterly to the point where Cheshire Street intersects with US Route 202 (aka Peterborough Street) running through the property of DD Bean and Sons Company, lying outside the present NHDOT right-of-way of US Route 202 that has not been previously discontinued

absolutely and completely. The Town shall retain the right to maintain the existing utilities within the section of road subject to this discontinuance. This discontinuance also preserves the right-of-way from US Route 202 to the Property of DD Bean and Sons Company Map 245 Lot 130. *(Recommended by the Select Board (2-0))*

**Art. 24.** 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 (2-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

**Art. 25.** 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 (2-0) 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 (2-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

**Art. 27.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500 to The Community Kitchen, Inc. located in Keene, NH for services provided to Jaffrey residents. (Submitted by Petition). *Recommended by the Select Board (2-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

**Art. 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,821 for the support of the Monadnock Family Services, a non-profit agency providing services to the Town, or take any other action relating thereto. (Submitted by Petition.) *Recommended by the Select Board (2-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

**Art. 29.** We, the undersigned registered Jaffrey voters, petition the Town of Jaffrey to appropriate the sum of \$6,311 (Six thousand Three Hundred Eleven dollars) to Southwestern Community Services, Inc. (SCS), a private non-profit, Community Action Agency. In 2014-2015 SCS provided 1,243 units of service to the citizens of Jaffrey totaling \$603,771 in direct assistance. SCS is requesting 1% of the amount of that direct assistance equaling \$6,038.00. The 1% request results in a decrease from the amount requested in 2014-2015. (Submitted by Petition). *Recommended by the Select Board (2-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

**Art. 30.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 for support of the Jaffrey Civic Center, a non-profit agency, or take any action relating thereto. (Submitted by petition). *Recommended by the Select Board (2-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0).*

**Art. 31.** To see if the Town of Jaffrey will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the purpose of funding the Community Volunteer Transportation Company programs and services for the people of greater Contoocook Valley area. This amount represents the Town of Jaffrey's portion of the funds needed to support Community Volunteer Transportation Company, a nonprofit service organization; or take any other action relating thereto. (Submitted by Petition). *Recommended by the Select Board (2-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*


**Art. 32.** 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 (2-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

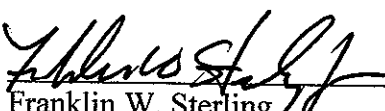
**Art. 33.** The Town of Jaffrey affirms its commitment to the rights ensured by the First and Fourth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America and declares that in the town of Jaffrey no person shall be required to declare their religious or philosophical belief or affiliation, nor to sign a registry for any belief or affiliation. *(Submitted by petition).*

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

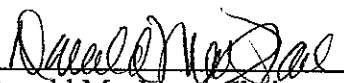
Jaffrey Board of Selectmen


  
Donald MacIsaac, Chairman

  
James Moore

  
Franklin W. Sterling

True Copy of Warrant Attest:

  
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Warrant and Budget Posted: February 27, 2017