

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

2016

Elections – March 8, 2016 (8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

Business Meeting – March 12, 2016 (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 8th of March, 2016 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 12th, 2016, 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
Moderator -	one person for two-year term
Trustee of Trust Funds -	one person for three-year term
Library Trustee -	two persons for three-year term

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,740,000 (Three Million Seven Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of Replacement and Rehabilitation of Water Lines, and any other costs related thereto, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$3,740,000 (Three Million Seven Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars) 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 shared between Water User Fees (2/3) and general taxation (1/3).

Recommended by the Select Board (2-1) and Budget Committee (5-2)
2/3 Ballot Vote Required.

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: In 2013, the Water Department received a 100% Grant from the NHDES to complete a Water System Asset Management study. This study evaluated the major buried infrastructure (water mains) and prioritized a water main replacement program based on the age of the pipe, the available fire flow, pressure, and proximity to critical customers. The Water Department also considered the frequency of water main breaks in the analysis. This study identified over 30,800 linear feet of larger diameter water mains that need to be addressed (replaced or rehabilitated). The project proposed under this Warrant Article includes the replacement of approximately 14,200 linear feet of water main on Mountain Road, Main Street, Cross Street, and a small section of Sawtelle Road. Also included is minor modification to the Prospect Street Pump Station which will permit water from the high pressure distribution system (area west of Prospect Street) to backfeed the low pressure distribution system in the event of an emergency. The water mains being replaced, we believe, were installed primarily between 1899 and 1918. The water main on Mountain Road has also experienced numerous breaks. We have also been informed by the NHDOT that Mountain Road is scheduled for paving in 2017. The project is listed on the FY2015 NHDES Project Priority List (3rd highest ranked project), and would be eligible for principal forgiveness. The amount of principal forgiveness will be determined following completion of the project.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000,000 (One Million Dollars) for the purpose of enhancing the Septage Receiving Station at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and any other costs related thereto, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,000,000 (One Million Dollars) 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 from the Sewer Fund (from fees generated by septic haulers using the station).

*Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (7-0).
2/3 Ballot Vote Required.*

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: The existing septage receiving facility at the wastewater treatment plant does not have adequate capacity to handle the current septage volumes. The basic system installed [when the wastewater treatment plant was built and initiated operation in April, 2009] consists of a manually cleaned coarse bar rack, a 10,000 gallon storage tank, and submersible chopper style pump. While this system was more than adequate over the first few years of operation, we have experienced a substantial increase in the volume of septage being disposed at the plant. Annual volumes over the past few years have increased to close to two million gallons. This is due to Jaffrey being one of only three plants in southwestern New Hampshire accepting septage and generally the convenience of the Jaffrey location in the Monadnock region. While the septage volumes have increased so too have the accompanying revenues which have exceeded \$150,000 in each of the past few years. Most of the revenues are coming from outside of Jaffrey and have helped defer operational and debt service costs associated with the wastewater plant which fall upon the users of the system and taxpayers who are also paying some of the debt service. The upgrade would address operational concerns of the existing system and increase the septage storage capacity and ease of handling. Components of the upgraded septage system would include a receiving unit, flow meter, larger storage tank(s), a pole-barn structure, transfer pumps and associated system automatic controls and SCADA system interconnection. Other features would provide automatic screenings capture, washing, bagging, flow monitoring and an automated data management system. A key improvement is the increased storage; it will provide increased process control which will allow plant operators more time to focus on critical operational and maintenance tasks within the wastewater plant and to meter the septage into the biological process. Without adequate storage, the septage is pumped to the system resulting in peaks in facility loadings.

The project is listed on the FY2015 NHDES Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund Project Priority List, and is scheduled for principal forgiveness in the amount of \$125,000.

In establishing the sewer budget, our revenue projections include \$100,000 for septage receipts as an offset to the user fees. In 2014, the department received \$153,787.50 (1.9 million gallons) in septage fees and \$174,921.13 (2.152 million gallons) in 2015. In 2015, \$15,810 was received from Jaffrey property owners, \$73,666.13 from Rindge & New Ipswich residential property owners and the remainder \$85,410 from other communities.

Art. 4. That all reports submitted by Town Officers be accepted as read and as printed in the Town Report.

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: The purpose of this article is to accept all reports as printed in the Town Report.

Art. 5. To see if the Town shall adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict 100% of revenues from solid waste tipping fees to expenditures for the purpose of disposing of construction, demolition and other bulky waste. Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Solid Waste Disposal Fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of the revenue. (Ballot vote)

Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (7-0).

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: This is not Pay-As-You-Throw and does not change the current regulations at the Transfer Station whereby residents may dispose of their household trash at no charge. This article would allow the Town to begin charging users of the Transfer Station for any construction, demolition or any other non-household trash. Currently, all taxpayers pay the cost of disposing of these items.

Art. 6. "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,437 (Thirty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Seven dollars) for the purpose of paying for expenses incurred with disposing of construction, demolition and other bulky waste with said \$35,437 to come from the Solid Waste Disposal Fund."

Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (7-0).

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: This Article grants permission to expend fees collected from users of the Transfer Station who deposit waste other than household trash such as construction debris and other large bulky items to pay for associated disposal costs. It is intended that all related costs are funded through user fees and not general taxation.

Art. 7. 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
2016	\$8,996
2017	\$9,175

And further to raise and appropriate the total sum of \$8,996 (Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Six dollars) for the current fiscal year and authorize the withdrawal of \$1,766 from the Water Department Fund (with the balance of \$7,230 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 (7-0)*

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: This article approves a two year agreement with the Public Works union and the payment of the costs therein.

Art. 8. Shall the Town, if Article 7 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 7 cost items only? *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0).*

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: This article is a requirement to allow the Town to delegate the authority to the Select Board to call one Special Town Meeting to reconsider Article 7 should it fail. If Article 7 passes, this article is passed over.

Art. 9. 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
2016	\$14,836
2017	\$15,133

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,836 (Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Six 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 (7-0.)*

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: This article approves a two year agreement with the Police union and the payment of the cost items therein.

Art. 10. Shall the Town, if Article 9 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 9 cost items only? *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0).*

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: This article is a requirement to allow the Town to delegate the authority to the Selectmen to call one Special Town Meeting to reconsider Article 9 should it fail. If Article 9 passes, this article is passed over.

Art. 11. 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	\$ 987,030
Sewer Department	<u>\$ 2,029,784</u>
	\$ 3,016,814

Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (7-0).

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,216,969 (Six Million Two Hundred Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Nine dollars) for general municipal operations. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (7-0).*

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: This is the article that provides the funds necessary to operate the Town on an annual basis. This includes all salaries, maintenance, supplies and programs which are funded and operated by the Town.

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 (7-0).*

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: A Capital Reserve fund is like a savings account for future expenditures. The Building Maintenance Capital Reserve was created upon the recommendation of both the Capital Improvements Plan committee and the Municipal Facilities Committee in 2009, for the purpose of funding major building maintenance needs. The 2012 Town Meeting designated the Select Board as agent to expend, which allows the Board to expend funds in the event of an emergency. Projects addressed in 2015 include with structural modifications and roof replacement at the Department of Public Works/Highway Garage. The balance of the capital reserve as of 12/31/2015 is \$47,694.51.

As the community has yet to reach consensus on the Town Office project, the Select Board voted not to present an article on that project in 2016. In an attempt to maintain a predictable level of investment into Capital Projects each year, some of the tax dollars earmarked for the Town Office project in 2016 be redirected into this fund, and will offer an amendment at Town Meeting to increase this article by \$125,000 to \$200,000. Passage of the amendment will allow the Town to not contribute additional dollars into this fund until 2018 and provide the community with flexibility to meet its capital needs over the next few years.

Art 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000 (Ninety Thousand dollars) for a Wacker Neuson Sidewalk Plow for the Highway Department, *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (7-0).*

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: This vehicle replaces a 2008 Trackless Sidewalk Tractor. Since the Trackless was put in service, \$47,754.71 has been spent keeping the unit in service. The Tractor not only maintains the sidewalks in the winter, but also completes roadside mowing in the summer. When the Trackless was purchased, it replaced another Trackless machine. We examined and compared the Trackless to a Wacker Neuson machine and found the machines to be compatible in use. The City of Keene utilizes a Wacker Neuson for winter operations. The Town of Lexington MA has 6+ Wacker Neusons in varying age and has found them to be reliable. The Wacker is significantly less expensive than the Trackless as well.

Art. 15. Should Article 14 be defeated, to see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$90,000 (Ninety Thousand 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. If Article 14 passes, this article is null and void. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (7-0)*

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: This article will place \$90,000 into the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for future equipment replacement or refurbishment. This appropriation allows the Town to continue its planned annual investment in highway equipment to avoid large, unfunded expenses in future years. The current balance of the account as of 12/31/15 was \$170,354.80.

Art 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 (Sixty Thousand dollars) for a Chipper for the Highway Department and authorize the withdrawal of \$21,982 (Twenty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The balance of \$38,018 (Thirty-Eight Thousand Eighteen dollars) is to come from general taxation. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (7-0).*

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: This tree and brush chipper replaces a 1993 Morbark chipper. The chipper was scheduled to be replaced in 2010. Its replacement was deferred as the infeed drive system was rebuilt and other maintenance was completed after the ice storm. We felt that with the work that was completed, we would get additional years out of the chipper. The Capital Reserve balance as of 12/31/15 was \$170,354.80.

Art. 17. Should Article 16 be defeated, to see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$38,018 (Thirty-Eight Thousand Eighteen 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. If Article 16 passes, this article is null and void. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (7-0).*

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: This article will place \$38,018 into the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for future equipment replacement or refurbishment. This appropriation allows the Town to continue its planned annual investment in highway equipment to avoid large, unfunded expenses in future years. The current balance of the account as of 12/31/15 was \$170,354.80.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,500 (Twelve Thousand Five Hundred dollars) to be placed in the Recreation Department Tractor Capital Reserve Fund established in 2015 for the purpose of replacing the Recreation Department tractor. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (7-0).*

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: This fund will pay for the eventual replacement of the 1981 tractor in use at the Recreation Department. The Town had an analysis completed on the unit in 2015, and it was recommended that the Town's best value is to continue to service and use the machine until it suffers a major mechanical failure, which is anticipated to occur in the near term. Replacement cost is estimated at \$25,000. Balance as of 12/31/15 is \$12,508.14.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$50,000 (Fifty 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 (7-0).*

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: This article will place \$50,000 into the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund for future equipment replacement. The current balance of the account as of 12/31/2015 was \$117,468.69.

Art. 20. 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 (3-0) and Budget Committee (7-0).*

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: Under state law the Town is required to conduct a town-wide property revaluation every five years. The law allows towns to conduct the revaluation on a phased basis. The Selectmen have determined that the revaluation next due in 2020 will be completed in phases by reviewing $\frac{1}{4}$ of the town each year (2016 thru 2019), with a statistical revaluation completed in 2020. This will ensure that each property is visited and properly assessed. This article will provide funds to assist with the transition to a program which has stabilized the overall annual cost of the program to the community. The balance of the capital reserve as of 12/31/15 is \$21,392.99.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to modify the Veteran's Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28 II from the current tax credit of \$400 to \$500 effective April 1, 2016. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (7-0).*

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: State law allows communities to approve property tax credits for veterans up to \$500.00 annually. Approximately 60% of communities in the Jaffrey area grant \$500.00 credits. Increasing the credit \$100.00 would require the Town to raise an additional \$23,500.

Art. 22. 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 (7-0).*

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: This article will place \$5,000 into the Land Acquisition Capital Reserve for future purchase of land or conservation easements. The current balance of the account as of 12/31/2015 is \$29,976.48.

Art. 23. 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 (7-0).*

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: The Cemetery Trees Trust Fund was established in 2007 to set aside funds for the care and removal of trees in the Town's cemeteries. A separate private fund has been established for the same purpose. Older trees are of concern as falling branches or worse can causing expensive and sometimes irreparable damage to historic gravestones. Expenditures from the fund totaled \$870, paid to GreenLife Tree Care for tree removal and pruning in Conant Cemetery, Cutter Cemetery & Extension, The Old Burying Ground and Village Cemetery. (The Willa Cather Trust Fund paid an additional \$95 for some of the tree work in The Old Burying Ground, again to GreenLife Tree Care.) The Department of Public Works has also undertaken some tree work, specifically in Phillips-Heil Cemetery. As of 12/31/15, the balance of the Town fund was \$4,784.92 and the private fund balance was \$507.04. The private and public funds are accounted for separately by the Trustees of the Trust Funds.

Art. 24. 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 (3-0) and Budget Committee (7-0).*

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: The Gravestone Restoration Fund, created in 2000, is used to repair and maintain stones that have been damaged or vandalized, specifically in those cases where a family member can't be found to assume the responsibility. Expenditures from the fund totaled \$410, paid to Peterborough Marble & Granite for stone repair in Conant and Cutter Cemeteries and The Old Burying Ground. Minor gravestone repairs and stone straightening were done by volunteers, mainly in The Old Burying Ground. As of 12/31/15, the Fund balance was \$4,387.91.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 (Three Thousand Dollars) to be deposited into the Meetinghouse Trust Fund established in 1991. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (7-0).*

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: The Meetinghouse Fund was created in 1991 to support major capital costs associated with Jaffrey's most historic building, the town-owned 1775 Meetinghouse. There were no major projects in 2015: Dennis Wright and his crew undertook some touch-up painting on the lower levels of the exterior. The South facade was not painted as scheduled but will be done at a later time after the building is re-roofed, probably in 2017. (A new roof will be a major and expensive undertaking and a variety of grants will be pursued during 2016 to help offset the costs.) Wright Painting did spend some time in the Tower painting much of the wood surfaces at the bell level. In 2016 first floor windows showing deterioration will be removed, prepared, re-glazed and painted by Dennis Wright. As of 12/31/15, the Fund balance was \$18,445.61.

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. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (7-0).*

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: This is an article that the Town receives annually, customarily be petition, and provides a benefit to Jaffrey and the region. 2015 appropriation - \$8,000.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue completely and absolutely any portion of Prospect Street previously discontinued subject to gates and bars in March 1800, or portions of Prospect Street laid out by town vote in September 1800 that lies within the limits of Map 237, Lot 24 as shown on the 2015 Jaffrey Tax Map. No portion of the present traveled way of Prospect Street is intended to be discontinued as part of this article. (Submitted by petition)

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: The petitioners have requested that the Town discontinue a town road over their property (specific location unknown).

Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500 to be withdrawn from the Town Clock Trust Fund, established in 1998 and amended in 2008, for urgent structural repairs/restoration to the historic Cutler Memorial Building, which houses one of Jaffrey's two Town Clocks. Furthermore, to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. Due to age and fatigue the original timber frame system supporting the steeple structure is compromised. Points of fracture have developed, one connecting girder is cracked, and another connecting girder is being twisted when significant loads are transferred from the steeple down to the frame in high winds. (Submitted by Petition.) *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (7-0).*

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: This is a petition article that the Town received to assist with critical repairs needed to the structure supporting a town clock. Funds can be withdrawn from the Town Clock Trust Fund for this purpose; balance in the fund as of 12/31/15 was \$16,966.52. 2015 appropriation - \$0.

Art. 29. To see if the Town of Jaffrey will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand and Eight Hundred dollars (\$1,800) for the purpose of funding the Contoocook Valley 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 Contoocook Valley Transportation Company, a nonprofit service organization; or take any other action relating thereto. (Submitted by Petition.) *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (7-0).*

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: This is a petition article that the Town received for a program which provides a benefit to Jaffrey and the region. 2015 appropriation - \$0.

Art. 30. To see if the Town of Jaffrey will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to the Park Theater in Jaffrey, New Hampshire to sponsor a theatre seat in the name of the "Town of Jaffrey" in the main auditorium of the new Park Theatre in recognition of all the citizens of Jaffrey who have faithfully supported the rebuilding and reopening of this historic icon in the heart of our downtown. (Submitted by Petition.) *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-1).*

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: This is a petition article that the Town received to support the Park Theatre. 2015 appropriation - \$0.

Art. 31. 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 (7-0).*

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: This is a petition article that the Town receives annually and provides a benefit to Jaffrey and the region. 2015 appropriation - \$30,000.

Art. 32. 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 (7-0).*

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: This is a petition article that the Town receives annually and provides a benefit to Jaffrey and the region. 2015 appropriation - \$17,000.

Art. 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 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 (7-0).*

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: This is a petition article that the Town receives annually and provides a benefit to Jaffrey and the region. 2015 appropriation - \$7,500.

Art. 34. 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 (3-0) and Budget Committee (7-0).*

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: This is a petition article that the Town receives annually and provides a benefit to Jaffrey and the region. 2015 appropriation - \$6,821.

Art. 35. We, the undersigned registered Jaffrey voters, petition the Town of Jaffrey to appropriate the sum of \$6,038 (Six thousand thirty eight 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 (3-0) and Budget Committee (7-0).*

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: This is a petition article that the Town receives annually and provides a benefit to Jaffrey and the region. 2015 appropriation - \$6,578.

Art. 36. 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 (3-0) and the Budget Committee (7-0).*

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: This is a petition article that the Town receives annually and provides a benefit to Jaffrey and the region. 2015 appropriation - \$3,500.

Art. 37. 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 Budget Committee (7-0).*

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE: This is a petition article that the Town receives annually and provides a benefit to Jaffrey and the region. 2015 appropriation - \$1,500.

Art. 38. Be it Resolved: We recognize that the people of New Hampshire towns, cities and counties, have the fundamental right of local community self-government, which includes the power to stop projects of corporations and other business entities which violate the civil, political and environmental rights of our communities.

Our right of local community self-government is premised on our New Hampshire Constitution, Part First, Bill of Rights, which provides in part that all men have certain natural, essential and inherent rights...(Article 2):...*all government of right originates with the people [and] is founded in consent...(Article 1.); all power residing originally in, and being derived from, the people, all magistrates and officers of government are...at all times accountable to them (Article 8.); and government being instituted for the common benefit...and not for...private interest..., whenever the ends of government are perverted...the people may, and of right ought to reform the old, or establish a new government...(Article 10.).*

Without a constitutionally-recognized right of local community self-government, we are left at the mercy of our state government, and the interests of corporations and other business entities, intent on exploiting our communities.

Therefore, we call on the General Court [Legislature] of the State of New Hampshire to place a constitutional amendment on the ballot explicitly recognizing our right of local community self-government, including our right to pass and enforce protective local laws which are not subject to


state preemption or corporate "rights", which prohibit projects by corporations and other business entities that seek to violate our rights; and

We call on our State Senators, Representatives and Governor to support our right of local community self-government, and to endorse an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution recognizing this right.

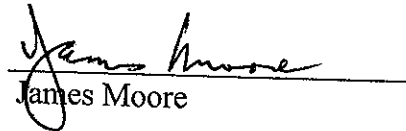
Within 30 days of its adoption, this resolution shall be transmitted by written notice from the municipality to the Governor and General Court [Legislature] of New Hampshire informing them of these instructions from their constituents. (By Petition).

Art. 39. To take up any other business which may come legally before this meeting.

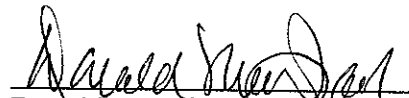
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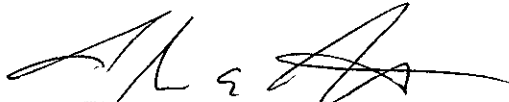

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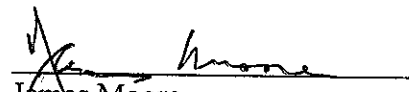

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