

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TOWN OF JAFFREY  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
2024**

**Elections – March 12, 2024 (7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)  
Business Meeting – March 16, 2024 (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 Conant High School Ernest J. Pratt Auditorium in said Jaffrey on Tuesday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of March, 2024 at seven 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 recessed until nine o'clock in the forenoon, Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the 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 the Trust Funds	one person for three-year term
Supervisor of the Checklist	one person for six-year term
Library Trustee	two people for three-year terms
Moderator	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 and Planning Offices and on the Town website on the Planning Board page).

1. Are you in favor of Amendment #1 to the Land use Code to amend Section VI – 6.4: Areas and Setbacks for Buildings, to clarify in the General Business, General Business A and Residential B Districts where town water and sewer are available, that multi-family is permitted?
2. Are you in favor of Amendment #2 to the Land Use Code to add a paragraph to Section VI – 6.4: Areas and Setbacks for Buildings which allows for a Workforce or Senior Housing

development to exceed the maximum number of units per building pending a financial statement from the developer indicating economic viability per RSA 674:58 (III)?

3. Are you in favor of Amendment #3 to the Land Use Code to amend Section VI 6.1: Dimensional Table, to correct a scrivener's error in the Turnpike Road Industrial District "Tract A" should read Section 4.7.2 rather than 3.6.2?
4. Are you in favor of Amendment #4 to the Land Use Code to amend Section XII: Guide to the Zoning Districts, to correct reference to 12.13 Industrial District (Tack Shop), should read Industrial District (Knight Street) and clarify reference to 12.14 Industrial District (Northeast), should read Industrial District (Stone Arch Bridge)?

**Art. 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,575,000 (Two Million Five Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of designing, constructing, and replacing a watermain and associated water equipment, and any costs related thereto for the purpose of replacing the watermains on sections of Squantum Road and Prescott Road. And further, to authorize the issuance of not more than \$2,575,000 (Two Million Five Hundred Seventy-Five 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. It is anticipated that 70% of the total bond in the amount of \$1,802,500 (One Million Eight Hundred and Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) is to come from principle forgiveness. And further, 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. And further, without impairing the status of this bond as a general obligation to the Town, it is the intention and expectation of the Selectmen that debt service on this bond will be supported 100% by Water User Fees.

*Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (7-0). 3/5 Ballot Vote Required*

**Art. 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of designing the wastewater treatment lagoon closure and decommission plan for the three wastewater lagoons located at 2 Old Sharon Road in Jaffrey, NH. And further, to authorize the issuance of not more than \$100,000 (One Hundred 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 or notes. The total \$100,000 of the note is to come from principle forgiveness.

*Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (7-0). 3/5 Ballot Vote Required*

**Art. 5.** That all reports submitted by Town Officers be accepted as read and as printed in the Town Report.

**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 Teamsters 633, Jaffrey Department of Public Works employees, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2024	\$ 18,112

And further to raise and appropriate the total sum of \$18,112 (Eighteen Thousand, One Hundred Twelve Dollars) for the current fiscal year, 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).*

**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 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
2024	\$ 36,651
2025	\$ 42,677

And further to raise and appropriate the total sum of \$36,651 (Thirty-Six Thousand, Six Hundred Fifty-One Dollars) for the current fiscal year, 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).*

**Art. 9.** Shall the Town, if Article 8 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 8 cost items only? *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0).*

**Art. 10.** 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	\$ 1,146,884
Sewer Department	<u>\$ 2,185,085</u>
	\$ 3,331,969

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

**Art. 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for the operation of the Tax Increment Finance Districts, to be funded entirely through tax increments:

Downtown TIF District	\$ 181,286
Stone Arch TIF District	<u>\$ 67,163</u>
	\$ 248,449

*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 \$ 7,299,920 (Seven Million, Two Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Twenty Dollars) for general municipal operations. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (7-0).*

**Art. 13.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under RSA 35 for the purpose of paving and sidewalk reconstruction, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) to be deposited into this fund (to be known as the Sidewalk Capital Reserve Fund), and to designate the Select Board as agent to expend. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (7-0).*

**Art. 14.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,185,000 (One Million, One Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars) to be deposited into in the following existing Capital Reserve Funds previously established for the listed purposes:

<b>Trust Name</b>	<b>Year Established</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1 Road Paving CRF	2021	\$ 575,000
2 Highway Equipment CRF	1997	\$ 200,000
3 Town Office CRF	2017	\$ 25,000
4 Fire Equipment CRF	1996	\$ 60,000
5 Land Acquisition CRF	2008	\$ 5,000
6 Municipal Building Maintenance CRF	2010	\$ 150,000
7 Bridge Rehabilitation CRF	2017	\$ 120,000
8 Police Cruiser Replacement CRF	2019	\$ 40,000
9 Recreation Equipment CRF	2021	\$ 10,000
		<b>\$ 1,185,000</b>

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

**Art. 15.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$210,000 (Two Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars) to be deposited into the following existing Capital Reserve Funds previously established for the listed purposes, with the sum of \$150,000 (One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) to come from Downtown Tax Increment Finance District and the sum of \$60,000 (Sixty Thousand Dollars) to come from Stone Bridge Tax Increment Finance District:

<b>Trust Name</b>	<b>Year Established</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1 Downtown TIF District CRF	2017	\$ 150,000
2 Stone Bridge TIF District CRF	2022	\$ 60,000
		<b>\$ 210,000</b>

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

**Art. 16.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,525 (Twenty-Six Thousand, Five Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars) to be deposited into in the following existing Expendable Trust Funds previously established for the listed purposes:

<b>Trust Name</b>	<b>Year Established</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1 Cemetery Trees TF	2007	\$ 5,000
2 Gravestone Restoration TF	2000	\$ 1,000
3 Meetinghouse TF	1991	\$ 5,525
4 Retirement Buyout TF	2021	\$ 15,000
		<b>\$ 26,525</b>

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

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4 Retirement Buyout TF	2021	\$ 15,000
		<u>\$ 26,525</u>

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

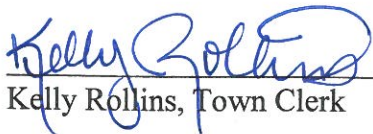
**Art. 17.** To see if the town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Jaffrey 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration Reserve Fund to the Jaffrey 300<sup>th</sup> Celebration Reserve Fund for the purpose of providing the initial funding required to plan Jaffrey's Tricentennial celebration. The Select Board is designated as the agent to expend. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0).* **2/3 Vote Required**

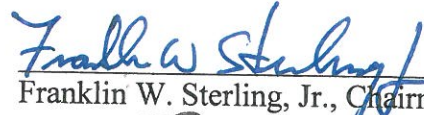
Given under our hands, February 12, 2024.


We certify and attest that on or before February 26, 2024, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, Ernest J. Pratt Auditorium, and like copies at the Town Office and the Town Library, and delivered the original to the Town Clerk.

Jaffrey Board of Selectmen

True Copy of the Warrant Attest:

  
 Kelly Rollins, Town Clerk

  
 Franklin W. Sterling, Jr., Chairman

  
 Kevin Chamberlain

  
 Charles Turcotte