

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF JAFFREY
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
2020**

**Elections – March 10, 2020 (7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
Business Meeting – March 14, 2020 (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 Cafeteria in said Jaffrey on Tuesday, the 10th of March, 2020 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 will be recessed until nine o'clock in the forenoon, Saturday, March 14th, 2020, 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
	one person for one-year term
Trustee of Trust Funds -	one person for three-year term
Library Trustees -	one person for three-year term
	one person for two-year term
	one person for one-year term
Town Clerk -	one person for three-year term
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 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 and Economic Development page).

1. Are you in favor of Amendment #1 to the Land Use Code to amend Section I: Purpose, to clarify the permissivity of the ordinance?

2. Are you in favor of Amendment #2 to the Land Use Code to remove all references to Village Plan Alternative?
3. Are you in favor of Amendment #3 to the Land Use Code to amend Section II: Definitions, to include a definition for Formula Restaurant, Formula Retail, Frontage and Rooming House?
4. Are you in favor of Amendment #4 to the Land Use Code to amend Section IV: District Regulations and Permitted Uses to move the narrative description of the Mountain Zone District to Section XII: Guide to the Zoning Districts?
5. Are you in favor of Amendment # 5 to the Land Use Code to amend Section V: General Provisions that Apply to More than One District to clarify provision for Accessory Dwelling Units in residential districts and update reference language for elderly housing?
6. Are you in favor of Amendment #6 to the Land Use Code to amend Section X: Guidelines for the Board of Adjustment, sections 10.2.6 and 10.3.7 with respect to clarifying the expiration of Special Exceptions and Variances?
7. Are you in favor of Amendment #7 to the Land Use Code to amend Section X: Guidelines for the Board of Adjustment, to add section 10.4, Appointment of Alternates?
8. Are you in favor of Amendment #8 to the Land Use Code to amend Section 12: Guide to the Zoning Districts to clarify district boundaries and uses in cases where a parcel is divided by a district boundary?

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$12,600,000 (Twelve Million, Six Hundred Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of developing a new water source known as Cold Stone Springs, in collaboration with the Town of Peterborough, to include acquisition of land, the installation of water mains to connect the new source to the water system, and to construct any related treatment facilities for the new water source, and any other costs related thereto. With total costs of the project to be shared, \$7,100,000 (Seven Million, One Hundred Thousand Dollars) is to come from Peterborough, and \$5,500,000 (Five Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars) is to come from Jaffrey. And further, to authorize the issuance of not more than \$3,000,000 (Three 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 further, with the balance of \$2,500,000 (Two Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars) to come from grants, donations and water fund balance, an estimated amount of \$2,000,000 (Two Million Dollars) is

to come from grants and donations and the estimated remainder of \$500,000 (Five Hundred Thousand Dollars) is to come from the water fund balance. 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. Should this article be approved but the grants, donations, water fund balance or Peterborough's share not be awarded or received, this article shall be considered null and void. And further, without impairing the status of this bond as a general obligation of 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 (6-0).* **2/3 Ballot Vote Required**

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$1,000,000 (One Million Dollars) for the purpose of constructing improvements to various Town roads 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. It is the intention and expectation of the Selectmen that debt service on this bond will be supported by general taxation. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).* **2/3 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 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
2020	\$ 30,616
2021	\$ 5,739

And further to raise and appropriate the total sum of \$30,616 (Thirty Thousand, Six Hundred and Sixteen 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 (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 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	\$ 1,043,428
Sewer Department	<u>\$ 2,248,129</u>
	\$ 3,291,557

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

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,591,884 (Six Million, Five Hundred Ninety-One Thousand, Eight Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars) for general municipal operations. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

Art. 10. To see if the Town, if Article 4 is defeated, will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600,000 (Six Hundred Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of constructing improvements to various town roads, including paving and gravel road rehabilitation. (If Article 4 passes, this article is null and void.) *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 \$160,000 (One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars) 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 (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$225,000 (Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars) to purchase a new Highway 10-wheel dump truck, plow and sander, and authorize the withdrawal of up to \$225,000 (Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that 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 \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) to be deposited into the Town Office Capital Reserve Fund established in 2017 for the purpose of acquiring land, completing design and engineering and constructing a

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

Art. 14. 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 (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 (Forty Thousand Dollars) to be deposited into the TIF District Capital Reserve Fund established in 2017 for the purpose of funding infrastructure enhancements to the Downtown area. Funds are to come from the Downtown Tax Increment Finance District. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$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. 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 (Three 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. 18. 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 (6-0).*

Art. 19. 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 (6-0).*

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 dollars (Two Hundred 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. 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000 (One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars) to be deposited into the Bridge Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund

established in 2017 to design, engineer and rehabilitate bridges throughout Jaffrey. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) to be deposited into the Police Cruiser Replacement Capital Reserve Fund established in 2019 pursuant to RSA 35:1. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

Art. 23. Shall the Town of Jaffrey adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (SB-2), to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town on the second Tuesday of March? (Submitted by petition). **3/5 Ballot Vote Required**

Art. 24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000) for the support of Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services, a non-profit agency, for visiting nurse, hospice services, and meals on wheels 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 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. 26. To request the Town of Jaffrey to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,750 to support 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. 27. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,821 for the support of 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 (6-0).*

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,196 for support of Southwestern Community Services, a non-profit agency for housing, energy, educational,

nutritional, as well as other human and social services. (Submitted by petition). *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

Art. 29. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 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 Budget Committee (6-0).*

Art. 30. 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 (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

Art. 31. To see if the Town of Jaffrey will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for support of The River Center, a nonprofit agency for Early Home support, Parent and Child programming, Information and Referrals, as well as the Money Matters program, which includes our free tax program for low and moderate income households and money coaching. (Submitted by petition). *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

Art. 32. To request the Town of Jaffrey to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to support Hundred Nights, Inc. located in Keene, New Hampshire for shelter and resource center services provided to Jaffrey residents. (Submitted by petition). *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,914, a level funding request, to help support Reality Check, a non-profit agency providing drug and alcohol prevention activities to schools, and addiction treatment, recovery, and educational services to residents. (Submitted by petition). *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

Art. 34. To see if the Town will vote to establish a reserve fund under RSA 35 for the purpose of funding the Jaffrey 250th Celebration, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 (Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) to be deposited into this fund (to be known as the Jaffrey 250th

Celebration Reserve Fund), and to designate the Select Board as agent to expend. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0) and Budget Committee (6-0).*

Art. 35. To see if the town will vote to authorize and direct the Selectmen, within three months, to appoint a Jaffrey 250th Celebration Committee to draw plans and proposals for a 2023 250th Celebration and report the same to the 2021 Town Meeting; the size of the same to be at the discretion of the Selectmen. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0).*

Art. 36. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint up to 5 alternate members to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and up to 5 alternate members to the Planning Board in accordance with RSA 673:6. *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0).*

Art. 37. To see if the Town will adopt the Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive outlined in Chapter 79-E of state law giving the Board of Selectmen authority to grant Community Revitalization Tax Relief and to designate the Jaffrey 79-E District, including East Jaffrey Historic District, part of General Business and General Business “A” as meeting the standards for an eligible district as set forth in RSA 79-E:2 (A map of the Jaffrey 79-E District is available on the Town’s website and Town Clerk’s Office). *Recommended by the Select Board (3-0).*

Art. 38. To see if the town will urge that the New Hampshire General Court, which is obliged to redraw the maps of the political districts with the state following the 2020 census, will do so in a manner that ensures fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters. That in order to fulfill this obligation the New Hampshire General Court shall appoint an independent redistricting commission that draws the new district maps in a way that does not rely on partisan data such as election results or party registration or favor particular political parties or candidates. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the selectmen of the Town of Jaffrey’s state legislators and to the Governor of New Hampshire informing them of the instructions from their constituents within 30 days of the vote. (Submitted by petition).

Art. 39. In celebration of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, we, the Citizens of Jaffrey, home of Mount Monadnock and historic center of manufacturing and technology, set forward this vision for our town: That we will protect our natural environment, prioritizing the health of its soil, water, and air, and, in doing so, insuring the well-being of the plan, animal and human communities. That we will assert and protect our inalienable democratic and environmental rights. That we will build upon our history of innovation by welcoming technologies and

manufacturing that will transform Jaffrey into a 100% renewable, zero-waste community, a model of economic health.

Earth Day was established on April 22, 1970 to awaken us to the ever-accumulating impact of civilization upon the natural world. Today Jaffrey commits to investment in changes made necessary by our long dependence upon improvident technologies.

Jaffrey's active fostering of a healthy and vibrant economy through the promotion of sound environmental practices and safer technologies will allow us to face our future with hope. (Submitted by petition).

Art. 40. We the Town of Jaffrey hereby call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support a Carbon Fee and Dividend approach that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equal basis. Enacting a Carbon Cash-Back program decreases long-term fossil-fuel dependence, aids in the economic transition for energy consumers, and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire's economy. Carbon Cash-Back has been championed by the US economists (Jan 17, 2019 WSJ) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety. We expect our representatives to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources upon which we all rely.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to our town's State Legislators, to the Governor of New Hampshire, to our town's Congressional Delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by our town's Select Board, within 30 days of this vote. (Submitted by petition).

Given under our hands, February 10, 2020.

We certify and attest that on or before February 24, 2020, 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 Conant High School Cafeteria, Town Office, and the Town Library, and delivered the original to the Town Clerk.


Jaffrey Board of Selectmen


True Copy of Warrant Attest:


Kelly Rollins, Town Clerk

Warrant and Budget Posted: February 24, 2020


Franklin W. Sterling, Jr., Chairman


John E. Belletete


Kevin Chamberlain