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.

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.

Art. 4. That all reports submitted by Town Officers be accepted as read and 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).

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).

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)*

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).*

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.)*

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).*

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	$ 2,029,784
	$ 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).*

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).*

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).*

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)*

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).*

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).*

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).*

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).*

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).*

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).*

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).*

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).*

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).*

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).*

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).*

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)

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).*

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).*

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).*

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).*

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).*

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).*

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).*

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).*

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).*

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).*

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 or 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.

Jaffrey Board of Selectmen

Donald MacIsaac, Chairman

Thomas Rothermel

James Moore

True Copy of Warrant Attest:

Donald MacIsaac, Chairman

Thomas Rothermel

James Moore

Warrant and Budget Posted: February 11, 2016