

JAFFREY BETTERMENT TRUST COMMITTEE

Sarah Bergeron, *Jaffrey Historical Society*
Peter Chamberlain, *Jaffrey Chamber
of Commerce*
Amy Meyers, *Jaffrey Planning Board*
Margaret Pokorny, *Jaffrey Center Village
Improvement Society*
Matt Shea, *Moderator's nominee*



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MEETING NOTES

January 8, 2026

The JAFFREY BETTERMENT TRUST COMMITTEE held its 2025 Annual Meeting at 4pm on January 8, 2026, at the Jaffrey Town Hall.

The meeting was previously posted on the Town website and at the Jaffrey Post Office, the Town Hall and the Jaffrey Public Library.

Attending were Committee members Peter Chamberlain, Amy Meyers, Margaret Pokorny and Matt Shea. Also present, Advisory member Rob Stephenson. Not present were member Sarah Bergeron and Advisory member Chris Bean. Town Manager Jon Frederick made a courtesy visit near the end of the meeting.

A question was posed by Peter Chamberlain: May members remain on the Committee and continue as representatives of the appointing organization when they no longer are an officer of the organization? The consensus was that “yes” the person may continue as an organization’s representative if the person and the organization so agree.

It was agreed that a letter will be drafted and sent to local attorneys and wealth managers describing the Trust and encouraging donations and bequests. This was first proposed at the inaugural meeting of the Trust on March 28, 2024, but was not pursued. At that time it was suggested that there be three versions:

- 1) a press release to be submitted to the *Ledger-Transcript* and the *Sentinel*;
- 2) a handout to be available at the Town Hall, to be distributed at the next Town Meeting and to be placed on the Town website; and...
- 3) an informational version directed at attorneys, estate planners, bankers, etc., who might be in a position to recommend the Trust to clients and customers as a worthy recipient of donations and bequests.

Rob agreed to put together drafts for submission to the members. (Because a piece has already appeared in the *Ledger-Transcript* (September 2-3, 2023)—which was distributed at this meeting—Rob is of the opinion that only #2 & 3 need to be pursued.)

A motion was made by Peter Chamberlain and seconded by Margaret Pokorny that Amy Meyers be elected Chair of the Committee. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Although circumstances may arise where a meeting will need to be called within the next year, the next scheduled meeting will nonetheless be held on the second Thursday of January 2027 (**January 14, 2027**) at 4pm at the **Jaffrey Town Hall**.

The meeting was then adjourned at approximately 4:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Stephenson
Advisory Committee Member