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**Town of Ira
Select Board Meeting Minutes
Date: August 25, 2026**

Present: Nathan Hewitt, Tim Carter, Bobbi Raiche, Bob Toppin, Alden Hewitt, Jerri Hoffman

Nathan called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Review and approve agenda: Nathan made a motion to approve the agenda, Tim 2nd; passed unanimously.

Warrant for bills: Tim made a motion to approve & sign the 08/25/26 warrant, Nathan 2nd; passed unanimously.

Tim made a motion to approve the 7/28/26 meeting minutes, Nathan 2nd; passed unanimously.

Business and Administrative

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	RESOLUTION
Select Board	Letter from Rutland County Humane Society: Stray Dog/Cat Intake Process	Board reviewed the letter which states the town will be responsible to work with a veterinarian or other professional to identify placement and next steps in the event a dog is dangerous and aggressive and they determine they cannot safely take the dog. Bob Toppin stated that the Rutland Sheriff's Department had indicated in the past that they would take care of such situations.
Treasurer Report	None	None
Highway Business	General Road/equipment update Town Road Employee Grants in Aid FY26 (Project Completion) Roadside Mowing Update Small Scale Grant	Leak on truck brakes fixed; fittings on sander need to be changed. Chad graded north end of West Road. Board discussed the need for hiring a full-time (30-40 hrs/week) town road employee. Scope of work will be developed and insurance costs researched. Budget worksheet will need to be reviewed. Nathan received a call from Justin Turco who is unhappy with the aesthetics of the riprap added to the Cross Roads. Bobbi indicated there is additional grant money available. It was decided to continue ditching and adding riprap all the way up the Cross Road. All mowing has been done; will come back with boom to trim trees. Received small scale grant for guard rails on Toppin Road and tree removal on Pyka Road. Three bids are required to take trees down. Nathan approved the grant application. Bobbi will put together scope of work and send email soliciting bids for tree contractors.

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	Grants in Aid FY27	Town was awarded Grants in Aid FY27 in the amount of \$7,000. Board reviewed and signed.
TOPIC		
Public Comments	None	None
Maintenance & Repairs to Town Buildings	Report of maintenance concerns from monthly inspection School house roof	David Kerstetter will meet with Bobbi to review. Jerri placed call to Jim Mailhiot inquiring whether quote received in March is still valid; has not received return call. Jerri also placed call to Sbardella Slate of Fair Haven for quote but has not received a call back. Nathan indicated the roof needs a new ridge cap as well as the slate replacement. The vent pipe could be removed rather than working around it. Nathan indicated if another quote cannot be obtained, we will go with the Mailhiot quote. Bob Toppin indicated the hinges on the front door of the school need to be repaired.
Cemetery Committee		None
New or Other Business	None	A town resident inquired whether she could borrow town chairs for a family gathering. Select Board discussed and does not approve removing chairs from town hall.
Executive Session (legal, personnel, real estate)	None	None
Adjourn		Nathan made a motion to adjourn at 6:31 pm, Tim 2 nd , passed unanimously.
In my capacity as the minute recorder for the Ira Select Board, I certify that the above is a true and accurate copy of the approval minutes of the board meeting held on August 25, 2026.		

Recording: Jerri Hoffman