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Town of Ira
Select Board Meeting Minutes
Date: May 29, 2026

Present: Nathan Hewitt, Darin May, Larry Taggart, Bobbi Raiche, Jerri Hoffman

Nathan called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

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

Warrant for bills: Darin made a motion to approve & sign the 05/26/26 warrant, Nathan 2nd; passed unanimously.

Nathan made a motion to approve the 4/28/26 meeting minutes, Darin 2nd; passed unanimously.

Business and Administrative

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	RESOLUTION
Select Board	Appointment of Health Officer	Nathan made a motion to appoint Larry Taggart as Health Officer; Darin 2 nd ; passed unanimously.
	Driveway application from Alex Marechaux and Kalynn McKirryer off West Road	Nathan made a motion to approve the application for the driveway giving permission to dig under the road with the note that no culvert is required, Darin 2 nd ; passed unanimously. Permission granted for one year from today's date (5/29/26).
	Listers: Letter requesting an extension to file the 2026 Grand List	Letter not necessary; 2026 Grand List has been filed.
	FY 2026 Contracts for general maintenance, shoveling, snowplowing, & Rutland County Sheriff's Contract	Received letter from Dave Kerstetter stating that he would be retiring. Will need a rate quote on mowing, snowplowing and shoveling. Bobbi will reach out to Sheriff's department for contract.
	Letter to Vermont Legislature	Justin Turco authored a letter to the legislature regarding Act 181 requesting the Select Board send. The closing of the letter was modified to "Respectfully submitted, Ira Select Board". Darin approved sending the letter, Nathan 2 nd ; passed unanimously.
Treasurer Report	None	None

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<p>Highway Business</p>	<p>General Road/equipment update</p> <p>Salt Update</p> <p>Summer Road Work</p> <p>Project for Grants in Aid FY26</p>	<p>Need Fuel cap for grader.</p> <p>Alden Hewitt will be added as approved purchaser at La-Valley's; 100' extension cord and hoses need to be purchased.</p> <p>The Town Garage is too damp and the brakes locked up on the truck. A dehumidifier was purchased and needs to be hooked up.</p> <p>Bobbi spoke with salt rep; no need to order early.</p> <p>There have been complaints received on the coarseness of the material that has been applied. Discussion included adding more fines (2:1) and putting on thicker.</p> <p>John Farrell cannot do roadside mowing this summer. West Rutland will be contacted to see if they are interested in doing the roadside mowing.</p> <p>Guard Rail on West Road needs to be put in.</p> <p>Someone from State will be taking a look at the bottom portion of Weaver Hill road.</p> <p>Hydro seed bank on Cross Roads; will need to get someone other than town employee for this. Remainder of work to be done – blow out ditches and fill with stone where needed.</p>
<p>TOPIC</p>		
<p>Public Comments</p>	<p>Larry Taggart</p>	<p>Doing fine job!</p>
<p>Maintenance & Repairs to Town Buildings</p>	<p>Report on maintenance concerns from monthly inspection by DHP</p> <p>School House Roof</p> <p>Paint Stairs in the Town Hall</p>	<p>Bobbi will take care scheduling annual furnace cleanings and inspections of Town Hall and Town Office and town road employee will take care of inspections of for town garage.</p> <p>Jerri provided the Board with a draft solicitation letter which the Ira Historical Society might send out to townspeople requesting donations toward the school slate roof repair. The Board has not acquired additional bids but would welcome others to do so. The Board stated they would consider funding \$4,000 of the cost of the repair. The Board asked that the solicitation letter be put on the June 23rd agenda for discussion and addressing.</p> <p>The Board approved the Historical Society painting the Town Hall stairs.</p> <p>Jerri also shared that the Historical Society would like to put up flags for the 250th Anniversary.</p>

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Cemetery Committee		There are two burials scheduled. The mower has been repaired. Jerri noted that a group of volunteers, together with Jeanne Raiche, will be looking to schedule a workday at the cemetery for stone cleaning.
New or Other Business	None	None
Executive Session (legal, personnel, real estate)	None	None
Adjourn		Nathan made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 pm, Darin 2nd; 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 May 29, 2026.		

Recording: Jerri Hoffman