

TOWN OF IRA
2025 ANNUAL REPORT



July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Cover Dedication

Ira Town Christmas Tree

The Ira Town Christmas Tree was donated by a local nursery and planted by Chris Slack. A lot of investigation went into finding out how long the tree has been there. This is an excerpt from the *Bird's Eye View*, Volume 1, Number 1, June 2002: "On Saturday, May 18, despite the snowy, wet weather a large group of townspeople did show up at the town hall and put in a couple of flower beds which we hope will flourish. You may have noticed an evergreen also was planted by the town hall: hopefully we will be able to adorn it this year with lights and yuletide carols. Many thanks to all who showed up and to the Senior Go-Getters who supplied all with hot coffee and baked goods."

The first annual Christmas tree lighting happened on December 6, 2002. The lights were donated by Alta Johnston. There has been an annual tree lighting every year except for 2011 when there was a lack of interest and 2020 because of Covid. Many extremes of weather for this event have been recorded in the *Bird's Eye View*. On December 1, 2006, a severe thunderstorm, high winds, and heavy rain could not keep Ira residents from the tree lighting.

As the tree grew, new lights were needed which were donated by Fran and Ellen Lloyd. Each year the lights are installed by Fran Lloyd and Bob Toppin. The Ira Volunteer Fire Department provides portable lights to illuminate the area. Special thanks to those who have been so instrumental in spearheading this joyful celebration. Every first Friday in December townspeople gather to light the tree, sing carols, and enjoy hot cocoa and cookies. Please consider making this one of your annual traditions. It would be sad to see it disappear because of a lack of interest.

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Town Office Hours:

Tuesday 1:00-6:00 and Thursday 9:30-2:30
or by appointment

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**AUDITORS' REPORT
FY25**

We have examined the financial records for the Town of Ira for the year ending June 30, 2025. To the best of our knowledge these statements are true and correct and present fairly the financial position of the Town of Ira and the results of its operation for the year ending June 30, 2025.

Dated January 9, 2026, at the Town of Ira.



Tina Graves



Christine Tyminski

Treasurer's Financial Statements

STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCES		
AS OF JUNE 30, 2025		
General Operating – Merchants	\$	271,899.31
Petty Cash		300.00
Money Market – Merchants		
Building Reserve	\$	35,000.00
Cemetery Fund		18,908.99
Professional Audit Reserve		24,000.00
Reappraisal Reserve		45,992.33
Restoration/Preservation		4,433.70
Garage Building Fund		43,135.72
Money Market – Merchants–Other		<u>58,698.30</u>
Total Money Market – Merchants	\$	230,169.04
Equipment Savings		303,579.43
George Putnam Fund		<u>10,852.42</u>
Total Cash Balances	\$	<u>816,800.20</u>

ASSETS as of June 30, 2025		
Buildings		
Town Hall	\$	87,500.00
Town Office Building		212,408.00
Old School House		5,000.00
Town Garage		<u>90,100.00</u>
Total Buildings	\$	395,008.00
Equipment		
2022 Tarco SP–HY2 Sander	\$	19,833.84
2021 CAT Loader/backhoe		88,900.00
1988 CAT 120G Grader		51,015.00
2016 Kenworth T270		<u>135,905.00</u>
Total Equipment		295,653.84
Total Assets	\$	<u>690,661.84</u>

Ira Riverside Cemetery		
Operating Statement – July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025		
Revenue		
Lot Sales & Contributions	\$	2,000.00
Gain/Loss on Investment		2,587.55
Transfer from Town		<u>1,600.00</u>
Total Revenue	\$	6,187.55
Expenditures		
Repairs & Maintenance	\$	3,997.29
Grave & Related Expenses		700.00
Cemetery Wages		2,500.00
Payroll Taxes		<u>191.23</u>
Total Expenditures	\$	<u>7,388.52</u>
	\$	(1,200.97)

TOWN OF IRA
STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND
REVENUES & EXPENDITURES - CASH BASIS
July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025

REVENUES		
CURRENT TAXES GENERAL FUND	91,209.36	
CURRENT TAXES HIGHWAY FUND	174,399.26	
SCHOOL PROPERTY TAXES	600,551.21 *	
MUNICIPAL TAX ADJUSTMENT	5,545.00	
DELINQUENT TAX REVENUE	69,083.24	
DELINQUENT TAX INTEREST	6,456.95	
CURRENT USE	31,210.00	
DOG LICENSES	128.00	
BANK INTEREST	672.27	
USE OF TOWN HALL	-	
CIVIL FINES	1,013.00	
RAILROAD TAX	79.05	
FISH & GAME NATURAL RESOURCE/PILOT	7,772.59	
OVERWEIGHT PERMITS	190.00	
STATE AID TO BACK ROADS	12,803.80	
HIGHWAY MISC. OTHER REVENUE	317.00	
HIGHWAY GRANTS	34,110.50	
TOTAL REVENUES	34,110.50	\$1,035,541.23
GENERAL EXPENDITURES		
SELECT BOARD SALARY	3,100.00	
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SALARY	6,280.00	
HEALTH OFFICER	200.00	
AUDITORS SALARY	600.00	
PAYROLL TAXES	3,993.00	
RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION	1,000.00	
EDUCATION SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS	35.00	
POSTAGE	1,181.34	
PHOTOCOPIER	1,540.94	
LEGAL SERVICES	3,479.09	
VLCT DUES	1,630.00	
RUTLAND COUNTY TAX	3,508.22	
REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE	1,472.00	
INSURANCE LIABILITY/WORKERS COMP	7,998.51	
TOWN OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,613.76	
COMPUTER SOFTWARE/HARDWARE	7,727.53	
TOWN REPORT	989.18	
RECORDS RESTORATIONS	1,500.00	
ELECTIONS	765.90	
TRANSFER TO PROFESSIONAL AUDIT RESERVE	1,500.00	
TRANSFER TO CEMETERY FUND	1,600.00	
TOWN OFFICE MORTGAGE	13,600.09	
TOWN CLERK SALARY	10,712.04	
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK	3,068.75	
LISTER'S SALARY	1,800.00	
CONSULTANT	1,134.93	
TREASURER SALARY	10,712.04	
CONSTABLE SALARY	200.00	
LAW ENFORCEMENT	7,276.85	
TOWN OFFICE ELECTRIC	862.08	
TOWN OFFICE HEAT	939.18	
TOWN OFFICE TELEPHONE	3,001.95	
TOWN OFFICE REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	3,962.30	
TOWN OFFICE LAWN MOWING	1,500.00	
TOWN OFFICE CLEANING	877.80	
MISCELLANEOUS TOWN OFFICE	50.00	
TOWN HALL ELECTRIC	626.75	
TOWN HALL HEAT	952.03	
TOWN HALL TELEPHONE	391.74	
TOWN HALL REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	2,793.35	
TOWN HALL LAWN MOWING	1,320.00	
TOWN HALL CLEANING	613.00	
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENDITURES	613.00	\$119,109.35

TOWN OF IRA
STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND
REVENUES & EXPENDITURES - CASH BASIS
July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025

ARTICLES		
IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT	39,750.00	
IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT - RESERVE FUND	15,000.00	
IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT ENGINEERING	15,000.00	
RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY	3,284.00	
RAVNAH & HOSPICE	973.00	
RUTLAND COUNTY PARENT CHILD CENTER	400.00	
SOUTHWESTERN VT COUNCIL	300.00	
RSVP & VOLUNTEER CTR	375.00	
VERMONT FARMERS FOOD CENTER	100.00	
BIRD'S EYE VIEW	300.00	
RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT	13,917.11	
TOTAL ARTICLES	13,917.11	\$89,399.11
HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES		
SALARIES	14,773.18	
PAYROLL TAXES	2,104.11	
LABOR FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE	11,911.55	
SIGNS/BRIDGES	-	
ROADSIDE MOWING	1,500.00	
WINTER SAND	9,000.00	
GRAVEL	29,992.72	
WINTER SALT	1,950.04	
CHLORIDE	2,421.79	
CULVERTS & INSTALLATION	7,318.00	
DITCHING	10,995.25	
GRADING	7,990.25	
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	250.48	
SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	961.36	
DIESEL FUEL FOR EQUIPMENT	3,382.35	
TRUCK MAINTENANCE	14,446.15	
GRADER MAINTENANCE	-	
BACKHOE MAINTENANCE	273.86	
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL FUND	60,000.00	
MUNICIPAL ROAD PERMITS	500.00	
BACKHOE/LOADER PAYMENT	13,911.72	
TOWN GARAGE ELECTRIC	379.37	
TOWN GARAGE HEAT	-	
TOWN GARAGE REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	1,845.68	
GRANT EXPENSES	13,475.96	
TOWN HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES	13,475.96	\$209,383.82
TRANSFER TO SCHOOL DISTRICT		\$600,551.21 *
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$1,018,443.49
GENERAL FUND SURPLUS		4,661.00
HIGHWAY SURPLUS		12,436.74
TOTAL SURPLUS		17,097.74

* School taxes transferred to School District

	Budget FY25	Actual FY25	Working Budget FY26	Projected Budget FY27
	7/1/24 - 6/30/25	7/1/24 - 6/30/25	7/1/25 - 6/30/26	7/1/26 - 6/30/27
TAX REVENUE				
CURRENT GF TAXES	71,935.87	91,209.36	53,742.29	60,866.00
MUNICIPAL TAX ADJUSTMENT	4,000.00	5,545.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
DELINQUENT TAX REVENUE	20,000.00	69,083.24	25,000.00	25,000.00
DELINQUENT TAX INTEREST	1,500.00	6,456.95	2,000.00	2,000.00
CURRENT USE	25,000.00	31,210.00	25,000.00	28,000.00
DOG LICENSES	200.00	128.00	200.00	200.00
BANK INTEREST	100.00	672.27	300.00	300.00
USE OF TOWN HALL	-	-	-	-
CIVIL FINES	1,000.00	1,013.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
RAILROAD TAX	79.00	79.05	79.00	79.00
F&G NAT RESOURCE/PILOT	7,600.00	7,772.59	7,600.00	7,600.00
MISC OTHER REVENUE	50.00	-	50.00	50.00
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	4,466.13	-	7,535.71	4,661.00
Total Revenue	135,931.00	213,169.46	126,507.00	133,756.00
GENERAL TOWN				
SELECTMAN SALARY	3,100.00	3,100.00	3,100.00	3,600.00
MEETING RECORDER	-	-	800.00	900.00
ADMIN ASST SALARY	6,180.00	6,280.00	6,500.00	6,825.00
HEALTH OFFICER	200.00	200.00	250.00	300.00
AUDITORS SALARY	600.00	600.00	700.00	800.00
PAYROLL TAXES	3,500.00	3,993.00	4,800.00	4,800.00
CONSULTANTS/TAX MAPS	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	1,500.00
RUTLAND REG PLANNING COM	1,000.00	1,000.00	368.00	368.00
EDUC SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS	750.00	35.00	750.00	750.00
POSTAGE	2,000.00	1,181.34	2,000.00	2,000.00
PHOTOCOPIER	2,200.00	1,540.94	2,000.00	2,000.00
LEGAL SERVICES	6,000.00	3,479.09	6,000.00	6,000.00
ADVERTISING NOTICES/HEARINGS	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
VLCT	1,630.00	1,630.00	1,667.00	1,716.00
RUTLAND COUNTY TAX	4,000.00	3,508.22	4,000.00	4,000.00
REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE	1,472.00	1,472.00	1,472.00	1,472.00
INSURANCE LIABILITY	7,200.00	4,427.31	7,000.00	7,000.00
INSURANCE WORKERS COMP	4,000.00	3,571.20	4,000.00	4,000.00
TOWN OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,700.00	2,613.76	1,700.00	2,000.00
COMP SOFT/HARDWARE	7,000.00	7,727.53	8,200.00	8,200.00
TOWN REPORT	1,000.00	989.18	1,000.00	1,500.00
RECORDS RESTORATIONS	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
ELECTIONS	1,500.00	765.90	1,000.00	1,500.00
TRANSFER TO AUDIT FUND	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
TRANSFER TO CEMETERY FUND	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
TOWN OFFICE MORTGAGE	10,625.00	10,625.00	10,625.00	10,625.00
MORTGAGE INTEREST	2,550.00	2,975.09	2,125.00	1,700.00
MISCELLANEOUS	250.00	50.00	250.00	250.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY	10,712.00	10,712.04	11,250.00	13,000.00
ASST TOWN CLERK SALARY	1,600.00	3,068.75	2,000.00	2,000.00
LISTERS SALARY	1,800.00	1,800.00	2,000.00	2,200.00
CONSULTANT	4,000.00	1,134.93	4,000.00	4,000.00
TREASURER SALARY	10,712.00	10,712.04	11,250.00	13,000.00
CONSTABLE SALARY	200.00	200.00	250.00	300.00
LAW ENFORCEMENT	12,000.00	7,277.35	-	-
TOWN OFFICE ELECTRIC	1,200.00	862.08	1,200.00	1,200.00
TOWN OFFICE HEAT	1,200.00	939.18	1,200.00	1,200.00
TOWN OFFICE TELEPHONE	2,600.00	3,001.95	2,700.00	3,200.00
TOWN OFFICE REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	4,000.00	3,962.30	2,500.00	2,500.00
TOWN OFFICE LAWN MOWING	1,600.00	1,500.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
TOWN OFFICE CLEANING	1,700.00	877.80	1,700.00	1,700.00
MISC TOWN OFFICE	50.00	-	50.00	50.00
TOWN HALL LIGHTS	750.00	626.75	700.00	700.00
TOWN HALL HEAT	1,700.00	952.03	1,700.00	1,700.00
TOWN HALL TELEPHONE	550.00	391.74	700.00	700.00
TOWN HALL REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	1,500.00	2,793.35	1,500.00	2,500.00
TOWN HALL LAWN MOWING	1,400.00	1,320.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
TOWN HALL CLEANING	1,100.00	612.50	1,200.00	1,200.00
Total General	135,931.00	119,109.35	126,507.00	133,756.00

	Budget FY25 7/1/24 - 6/30/25	Actual FY25 7/1/24 - 6/30/25	Working Budget FY26 7/1/25 - 6/30/26	Projected Budget FY27 7/1/26 - 6/30/27
ARTICLES				
IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT	39,750.00	39,750.00	38,650.00	
IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT - RESERVE FUND	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	
IRA VOUNTEER FIRE DEPT - ENGINEERING	15,000.00	15,000.00	-	
RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY	3,284.00	3,284.00	3,282.00	
RAVNAH & HOSPICE	973.00	973.00	973.00	
SOUTHWESTERN VT COUNCIL	300.00	300.00	500.00	
RSVP & VOLUNTEER CTR	375.00	375.00	375.00	
PARENT CHILD CENTER	400.00	400.00	-	
BIRD'S EYE VIEW	300.00	300.00	300.00	
RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT	13,917.11	13,917.11	12,000.00	
VT FARMERS FOOD CENTER	100.00	100.00	150.00	
Total Articles	89,399.11	89,399.11	71,230.00	
Highway Revenue				
CURRENT HWY TAXES	174,399.26	174,399.26	168,937.72	172,563.26
OVERWEIGHT PERMITS	200.00	190.00	240.00	240.00
STATE AID TO BACK ROADS	11,000.00	12,803.80	11,000.00	12,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE		317.00		
HIGHWAY GRANTS	-	34,110.50		
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	10,640.74	-	16,562.28	12,436.74
Total Highway Revenue	196,240.00	221,820.56	196,740.00	197,240.00
Highway Budget				
SALARIES	22,000.00	14,773.18	22,000.00	22,000.00
PAYROLL TAXES	4,000.00	2,104.11	4,000.00	4,000.00
LABOR FOR RD MAINTENANCE	12,000.00	11,911.55	12,000.00	12,000.00
SIGNS/BRIDGES	600.00	-	600.00	600.00
ROADSIDE MOWING	2,000.00	1,500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
WINTER SAND AND TRUCKING	14,000.00	9,000.00	14,000.00	14,000.00
GRAVEL AND TRUCKING	30,000.00	29,992.72	30,000.00	30,000.00
WINTER SALT AND TRUCKING	7,000.00	1,950.04	7,000.00	7,000.00
CHLORIDE	4,500.00	2,421.79	4,500.00	4,500.00
CULVERTS & INSTALLATION	8,000.00	7,318.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
DITCHING	11,000.00	10,995.25	11,000.00	11,000.00
GRADING	8,000.00	7,990.25	8,500.00	8,500.00
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	2,000.00	250.48	2,000.00	2,000.00
SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	1,000.00	961.36	1,000.00	1,000.00
DIESEL FUEL FOR EQUIPMENT	6,000.00	3,382.35	6,000.00	6,000.00
TRUCK MAINTENANCE	-	14,446.15		
GRADER MAINTENANCE	-	-		
BACKHOE MAINTENANCE	-	273.86		
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL FUND	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00
MUNICIPAL ROAD PERMITS	1,240.00	500.00	1,240.00	1,240.00
BACKHOE/LOADER PAYMENT		13,911.72		
TOWN GARAGE ELECTRIC	600.00	379.37	600.00	600.00
TOWN GARAGE HEAT	700.00	-	700.00	700.00
TOWN GARAGE REPAIRS/ MAINTENANCE	1,500.00	1,845.68	1,500.00	2,000.00
TOWN GARAGE MISC TOWN	100.00	-	100.00	100.00
GRANT EXPENSE	-	13,475.96		
Total Highway Expenses	196,240.00	209,383.82	196,740.00	197,240.00
TOTAL GENERAL AND HIGHWAY EXPENSES	332,171.00	328,493.17	323,247.00	330,996.00
TOTAL ARTICLES	89,399.11	89,399.11	71,230.00	-

Select Board Report (Jan- Dec. 2025)

The black top from Route 133 to just past the Town Office was repaved and the gravel portion of the Town Office parking lot and path were paved.

The town received a Municipal Planning Grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development to update the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Thank you to all those who serve in various town positions.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan Hewitt, Chair

Darin May

Tim Carter

Town Clerk Report

The Town Office continues to offer Fish & Wildlife licenses, dog licenses, copies of vital records, marriage licenses, Green Mountain Passports, rental of the Town Hall, and free notary services. We have a town wide email list to notify residents of upcoming Town events. If you would like to be included, please send me your email address.

If you are new to Town or just turned 18, please remember to register to vote. There is the option of creating a My Voter Page on the State Election site. By creating a voter page, registered voters can request an absentee ballot, submit a voter registration application, update voter registration information, view sample ballots, and find your voting location. Voting is held at the Town Office for all elections. Polls open at 10:00 am and close at 7:00 pm.

All dogs 6 months and older are required by State law to be licensed on or before April 1st of each year. A license for a spayed/neutered dog is \$11.00 and for an unsprayed/un-neutered dog is \$15.00. A current rabies certificate must be on file or provided at the time the license is purchased. There were 59 dogs licensed in fiscal year 25 for revenue of \$122.00 for the Town. Licenses will be available on Town Voting Day, March 3, 2026, during voting hours.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns at 802-235-2745 or clerk@townofira.com. The Town Office is open on Tuesdays 1:00 – 6:00 and Thursdays 9:30 – 2:30.

Bobbi Raiche
Town Clerk

TOWN HALL RENTAL PROCEDURES

1. Rental fees for the Ira Town Hall are as follows:
 - Ira Residents \$150.00 with a \$75.00 security deposit.
 - Non-Residents \$275.00 with a \$75.00 security deposit
2. Contact the Town Clerk at 802-235-2745 for a Rental Application and Agreement Form or download from the website: townofira.com
3. Return completed and signed Rental Application and Agreement Form and Certificate of Insurance (if required) to the Town Clerk for review and approval from the Select Board or authorized person. The Select Board meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month so applications should be received well in advance of the planned event.
4. Arrangements need to be made with the Town Clerk to make payment and pick up the key prior to the event.
5. PAYMENT must be made with 2 separate checks, one for the rental fee and the second check for the security deposit. Make checks payable to Town of Ira.
6. After the event, return the key to the Town Clerk who will inspect the Town Hall prior to refunding the security deposit.
7. In case of emergency (i.e., death/funeral) for Ira residents only, the Town Hall may be obtained without prior notice, with no charge. Call the Town Clerk to make arrangements.
8. Refer to the terms and conditions of the Rental Application and Agreement for additional requirements and responsibilities.

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT – December 31, 2025

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Total Due</u>
Allen, Oakley H III	2023	\$5.13
	2024	464.32
	2025	443.86
Blue Star Drive, LLC	2025	4416.84
Bowen, J	2024	7.61
	2025	7.28
Cook, Rebekah	2025	1485.23
Czarnecki, Paul & Karen	2025	4027.75
Ebbighausen, Chad	2025	483.67
Fitzgerald, Clyde	2024	462.57
	2025	754.33
Flynn, Chris F	2025	1103.60
Flynn, Christopher	2025	34.98
Four and A Half Guys, LLC	2025	848.93
Haynes, Jason	2025	2260.11
Herbert, Rosemarie	2024	39.55
	2025	243.22
Lee, David	2024	3708.32
	2025	5285.16
North Meadows, Inc	2013–2025	201.31
Notte, Albert & Mary	2024	29.42
	2025	1324.32
Prescott, Neal W	2018	68.69
	2019	85.67
	2021	215.94
	2022	210.61
	2023	206.16
	2024	228.35
	2025	218.29
Sevigny, Jason	2025	3046.42
Smith, Vicky	2025	241.83
Sumner, Lori & Kelton	2023	2313.83
	2024	2869.69
	2025	2743.24
Williams, Jared	2022	289.49
	2023	3607.85
	2024	3996.25
	2025	3820.17
Yildirim, Ali	2024	29.68
	2025	2345.46
		<hr/> \$54,175.13

Ira Planning Commission

The Planning Commission sadly lost long standing member Robert Kulig this year leaving only three active members, Bob Toppin, Jeff Bardin and myself. Bob will be missed, he brought humor to our meetings. On December 4th Bob Toppin and I met with Sean Beatty, a planner from our guiding organization the Rutland Regional Planning Commission who laid out some of the work that will come before us over the next thirty months when the Town Plan is renewed. The renewal process requires input from the community with open meetings and surveys to align Ira's town plan with the expectations of its citizens and those in state government. Town Plans, because of their accurate local data and sentiments have become more influential to rule makers and legislators in Montpelier. Among the suggestions offered was one to increase the number on the town planning commission from four to five people. Are there folks in town willing to get involved? Meetings are to be scheduled for 2026, watch for the announcement.

Bob Kirbach, Chair
Ira Planning Commission

Town of Ira Cemetery Report

With conflicting schedules and events, the committee was unable to have a workday in 2025. The year 2025 saw several lot sales and transfers. A new lawn mower was purchased and the old mower was repaired to serve as a backup. Doug Hewitt continues to diligently keep the grounds up.

Respectfully submitted,
Nathan Hewitt, Chair
Jean Marie Raiche
Barbara Favreau
Christina Hewitt

Ira Historical Society

It was a very good year and, like in the old Sinatra ballad, the year passed far quicker than we realized and here we are at the beginning of a new one with a vast array of possibilities before us... but just to recap: The IRVHS met almost every month in 2025; the museum upstairs in the town hall building keeps growing, slower now as we have learned more about curating. The most distinctive feature of the artifact collection, arguably, could be that almost all of the items are from Ira and were part of local households or farms. We hope that you have had an opportunity to stop by and see the old farm bell that was donated by Alta Johnston. The bell stands in front of the town hall building and will soon have a plaque telling its story. The historical society thanks those who donated materials and their skill, especially Tim Perry and the F.W. Webb Company. Alta also donated many other interesting items; many are on display upstairs. Our member Scott Warner networked with the Vermont State University Castleton history department and after months of preparation students from the antebellum study group put on a "ghost tour" presentation at the Town Hall on October 30th with students reciting tales they had discovered as they researched life in the town of Ira and its residents in the antebellum period. A recording of the evening made by PEG TV is on our website. We hope this cooperative effort continues with the college. As part of the 250th year celebrations of the American Revolution the IRVHS has been asked to help coordinate local festivities this summer. Please contact any member of the historical society to become involved, join or donate.

Bob Kirbach
President

Vital Statistics

Marriages			
		Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage
T Ray Lovko	Roseanne Tucker	July 12, 2025	Chittenden
Dominick Manier II	Casey Cooper	August 2, 2025	Danby
Jason Sevigny	Stephanie Buxton	September 19, 2025	Ira

Births			
Name	Gender	Date of Birth	Parents
Rory Maze R Aines	F	September 30, 2025	Colton Aines & Chelsea Monaco
Nora Mae Smith	F	October 13, 2025	Brooke & Noah Smith

Deaths		
		Date of Death
Walter Czarnecki, Jr.	54	March 1, 2025
Robert Kulig	70	May 27, 2025
John Henry	96	June 29, 2025
Jeffrey Stall	77	August 22, 2025
Raymond Gandy	73	October 17, 2025
Mason Wardwell	45	November 18, 2025

Ira's Golden Cane

For many years a vintage cane has been passed down to Ira's Oldest Resident. The tradition began with the Perry Family and has since evolved to incorporate the entire town. The cane has been passed from person to person over the years to honor the oldest resident. The Golden Cane was ceremoniously passed to Paul Meigs on October 19, 2024.

Past Recipients

Carrie Perry	Ruth Johnson	Harry Berg	Stewart Lincoln
Bessie Berg	Enid DeDoming	Lucelia Lincoln	Alta Johnston (2020)
Paul Meigs (2024)			

Town of Ira Sheriff's Report

The Rutland County Sheriff's Office is completing another year of outstanding service to our contract towns and to the citizens of this great County. We have worked closely once again with the Side Judges and created a budget that is balanced and allows us to continue to operate in a safe and productive manner.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 we provided general law enforcement services for 13 towns, along with animal control services for 5 towns.

Total Yearly Department Stats

Total calls for service	6144	Eluding Police	9
Accidents	65	Family Fight	34
Assaults	12	Fraud	13
Burglary	4	Juvenile Problem	25
Citizen Assist	110	Mental Health	9
Criminal-No License	15	Sex Offense	3
Driving License Suspended	29	Threatening	27
Drugs	9	Weapons Offense	4
Driving Under the Influence	21		

We continue to seek out grant opportunities and find creative ways to provide services to the citizens of Rutland County. I encourage you to look at our web site, www.rutlandsheriff.net and to report any crimes or suspicious events that you may encounter. The Rutland County Sheriff's Department prides itself on being adaptable to the needs of the town as they arise. I want to thank the citizens of Ira for their positive feedback and support for the Sheriff's patrols, we hope to continue serving the citizens of Ira for many years to come.

In the Town of Ira we investigated 73 calls for service. They included 50 Traffic Stops, 2 Accidents, 1 DLS, 4 Directed Patrols, 1 Family Fight, 3 Arrests, 46 Tickets, 23 Warnings, and 1 Animal Complaint.

David J. Fox, Sheriff

REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE

Regional Ambulance was established in 1983 to provide emergency ambulance services to its member towns. Ira joined the ambulance service at its inception; 2025 marking 42 years of service. Regional Ambulance Service responded to a total of 11,032 ambulance calls in the 12 communities it serves in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025; 25 of these calls were to the Town of Ira.

Regional Ambulance Service provides 911 service 24 hours/365 days a year. Monthly CPR classes are taught at Regional Ambulance. Last year, through the R.A.S. American Heart Association Training Center, 1,546 people were trained in CPR. Tours, lectures, demonstrations and CPR classes are available to the general public. Child Car Seat inspections are performed at the Regional Ambulance building at 275 Stratton Rd by appointment only; 41 child car seat inspections were completed this past year.

Please feel free to contact Michael Tarbell, Chief Executive Officer, with any questions regarding RAS services at 802-773-1746 or visit the website, www.rasvt.com, for more information on services, class schedules, and membership details.

IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

20 Calls For Year 2025

- 5 Medical Calls
- 1 Structure Fire
- 2 Mutual Aid
- 7 Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 2 Wildland fires
- 1 Unpermitted burn
- 1 Carbon monoxide incident
- 1 Lost hiker

2025 IVFD Membership

Dan Perry, Fire Chief	Bob Toppin, Firefighter
Nick Cupoli, Asst. Fire Chief	Fran Lloyd, Firefighter
Paul Russum, Treasurer	Tim Carter, Firefighter
Tim Perry, Firefighter	Noah Smith, Firefighter
Marcus Rockwell, Firefighter	Bill Johnson Firefighter (Honorary)
Stefano Falco, Firefighter	Joe Black, Mechanic
Sara Meling, Board of Directors	Bruce Gee, President (Board of Directors)

The most significant purchase reflected in the 2025-2026 Fire department budget is the 1993 International Fire Tanker Truck from Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department for the sum of \$5,000. In addition \$10,000 was used from the Truck Fund to upgrade the Tanker with the appropriate hardware to allow its full utilization. The IVFD Truck Fund was used for the purchase and upgrades.

The proposed 2026-2027 budget reflects an increase of \$5,800 from the previous year. The bulk of the increase is due to the addition of a third truck for maintenance, fuel, insurance and rental space. Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department is presently allowing IVFD to house the Tanker at the Chippenhook Fire Station free. We anticipate that we will be responsible for rent beginning next year. We have also budgeted \$4,000 for Air Pack replacement. While the actual purchase price is about \$8,500 per pack, we are anticipating the need to replace several over the coming years. We felt that it made sense to budget an amount each year in anticipation of those future purchases, similar to the Truck Fund.

Welcome to Stefano Falco to the IVFD as a probationary. We are always looking for new members whether it be fire fighters, helpers, grant writers...

Having met with VT State Fire and Safety officials we are reviewing our options regarding the Proposed New Fire Station. More information to follow.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ira Volunteer Fire Department Budget 2024-2027

	Budget FY 2023-24	Actual FY 2023-24	Budget FY 2024-25	Actual FY 2024-25	Budget FY 2025-26	Working FY 2025-26	Projected Budget FY 2026-27
Income							
Reserve Fund Town of Ira-truck fund	15000	15000	15000	15000	15000	15000	15000
New Facility reserve fund			15000	15000	0		
Town	48550	47050	39750	39750	38650	38650	44450
Corporate Contributions	4250	200	200		200	250	
Individual Contribution	1679	200	200	3075	200		
Investments							
Interest Income - Credit Union of VT	1810	100	100	2013	100	675	1000
Grants							
Miscellaneous Revenue				87			
Total Income	71289	62550	70250	74925	54150	54575	60450
Expenses							
Air Pack Maintenance	700	0	700	475	700	0	700
Building & Repair	6500	2935	3500	2855	3500	1260	3500
Communications, Dues	2500	1071	2500	1304	2500	0	2000
Communications, New	2500	98	2500	899	2500	0	2000
Communications, Repair	700	235	700	190	700	300	700
Dues & Memberships	400	4341	400	154	400	0	200
Electricity	2000	2555	2200	1504	2700	503	3000
Equip Maintenance	1500	661	1000	70	1000	0	1000
Firefighter Apparel	600	1269	600	0	600	0	600
Fire Schools	250	0	250	0	250	0	0
Fundraising Fees			250	0	0	0	400
Hoseline Fund	2000	2038	0	0	0	0	1200
Building, Vehicle Liab. Ins.	5000	4583	5500	6221	5500	3658	6250
Workers Compensation Insurance	1400	2266	1400	1340	1400	0	1500
Miscellaneous	500	481	500	813	500	286	700
New Equipment	5000	2541	3000	809	5000	0	5000
New Equipment - Air Pack Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	4000
EMS equipment and supplies	2500	0	2500	9524	0	0	0
Telephone	1000	150	250	360	400	180	0
Training Expense	2000	1854	2000	0	1000	0	1000
Turn Out Gear	3500	0	3500	0	3500	0	3500
Fuel, Vehicles & Heating Oil	2000	1037	2000	2007	2000	0	2000
Vehicle Maintenance	4500	3338	4500	390	4500	0	4000
Truck Parking - Tanker	0	0	0	0	0	0	1200
Total Expenses	47050	31453	39750	28915	38650	6187	44450
Truck Fund Ending Balance		75000		90000		100000	
CU of Vermont Ending Balance		93696		145647		141030	

RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY

Borrowing at the library in Fiscal Year 2025 was the busiest since pre-Covid, with circulation of 140,151 items. We checked out 104,100 physical items (books, magazines, audiobooks on CD, DVDs), down very slightly from our three-year average of 105,000. Digital circulation (downloadable audiobooks, ebooks, online magazines & comics, streaming video and audio) continues to thrive, finishing the fiscal year at some 35,700, up 20% from last year and double three years ago. Digital delivery accounted for more than one-quarter of all loans from Rutland Free Library in FY25.

Most programing numbers were up slightly from last year, down slightly from our record-setting FY23. That's to be expected, as we had decided that the FY23 levels were unsustainable without hiring more staff.

Children's programs continued to lead the way with 353 programs for some 7,600 kids. Programs aimed at teens started to make small but regular contributions (63 programs, 471 attendees, up from 173 total attendees in FY24). Thanks are due to taxpayers for helping support the 15-hour weekly Teen Services position.

Parents of babies and toddlers in Ira should check out the offerings for their youngsters. There are numerous programs aimed at just those children, such as Yoga for Littles, Baby and Toddler Rock and of course Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. The latter will send free books to your baby or toddler (up to 5 years old) upon registration. All these programs with dates and times can be found at the Rutland Free Library events calendar at RutlandFree.org.

Unanticipated repairs to the building at 10 Court St. included work on the air conditioning system, plumbing failures, replacing failed emergency lights, rewiring staff offices to eliminate frequently tripping breakers and repairing the Fox Room audio-visual equipment. Building expenses were some \$60,000 over budget despite saving almost \$6000 through the City's heating fuel program.

Our number of cardholders declined for two reasons: COVID-era hotel/motel residents moving away and an update in our consortium's software that lets us delete users who owe us money: previously, we could freeze but not eliminate accounts with money owed for fines or lost books. Once this was fixed we were able to do a thorough purge of old accounts for the first time since buying the software over a decade ago.

We had 84 active cardholders from Ira in FY25. They borrowed 771 physical items and about an additional 315 electronic items, for a per-item cost to Ira taxpayers of \$3.03

The RFL is asking for the amount of \$3,500 to be voted on at Town Meeting, an increase of \$118.00. The library sincerely appreciates the continuing support from the Town of Ira.

Randall Smathers, Director, Rutland Free Library

Jeanne Kirbach, Ira representative to the RFL Board of Trustees

2025 Town Report - Ira School District

The Ira School District (SD) is a member of the Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union (GRCSU), along with Rutland Town, Quarry Valley (Poultney, West Rutland, Proctor) and Wells Spring (Wells, Middletown Springs).

As a GRCSU member, The Ira SD has one vote on the ten member Union Board. As Ira SD does not operate any educational facilities, the school district budget is largely a function of tuition. Ira continues to advocate for (and offer) FULL CHOICE for K-12 students. In addition, universal Pre-K is an added benefit.

Ira SD has completed a draft budget proposal for the next school year (2026-2027). To date, the budget is estimated to be a few thousand dollars MORE than the current (2025-2026) year. Total expenses have increased due to TWO factors: increased enrollment (2-4 students); increased costs for special education.

The final budget* is expected to be complete in February and presented to our citizens for approval on Town Meeting Day in March.

In addition to the number of pupils, the other factors which ultimately determine the tax rate are out of our purview: Property values (Common Level Appraisal: CLA) and Yield (determined by the State Legislature).

While understanding limiting factors as outlined above, the school district's primary goal remains consistent: enhance access to quality education at the most reasonable cost.

Respectfully,

Ira School District Board

*The comprehensive financial statements, organized by the GRCSU business manager (Louis Milazzo) are included in the following pages.



February 2026

Dear GRCSU Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

Thank you for your continued support of the Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union (GRCSU) and the schools that serve our communities. We are proud to work alongside families, staff, and community partners in support of our shared commitment to students.

GRCSU serves four school districts—the Ira School District, Quarry Valley Unified Union School District, Rutland Town School District, and Wells Springs Unified Union School District—across eight schools: Middletown Springs Elementary School, Poultney Elementary School, Poultney High School, Proctor Elementary School, Proctor Jr./Sr. High School, Rutland Town School, Wells Village School, and West Rutland School. Together, we educate approximately 1,600 students in grades PreK–12. Our GRCSU mission is to engage and empower students to achieve academic and personal success, preparing them to be responsible citizens who embrace a love for learning.

The GRCSU Central Office plays an essential role in supporting our schools and ensuring they operate effectively. This work includes oversight of curriculum and instruction, professional learning, staff evaluation, human resources, policies and procedures, grants, and all financial operations across the supervisory union.

Our GRCSU Central Office team brings deep expertise and dedication to this work. GRCSU Assistant Superintendent Lisa Mattison leads efforts related to curriculum, instruction, assessment, professional development, academic grants, and teacher mentoring. Louis Milazzo, GRCSU Business Manager, oversees purchasing, contracted services, payroll, budgeting, grant management, and audits, ensuring strong fiscal stewardship. Tammy Rescott serves as the GRCSU’s Director of Student Support Services, including Special Education, and works with a team of administrators, educators, and specialists to support students’ diverse needs. Greg Connors leads our IT Department, maintaining reliable and effective technology systems across all schools. Together, this team provides guidance and support that strengthens teaching, learning, and operations throughout GRCSU.

Over the past year, school leaders and staff have continued engaging with the GRCSU Portrait of a Graduate, shaping learning experiences that help students build five essential competencies: Responsibility, Adaptability, Critical Thinking, Empathy, and Communication. This work has led to shared statements that guide our collective efforts:

- Vision for Student Experience - Each and every GRCSU student feels accepted and valued.
- Vision for Student Learning - All GRCSU students will develop into responsible and resilient learners who experience success through authentic and purposeful learning.

In addition, building leaders and staff members have identified instructional practices and schoolwide strategies that support student growth, and each school is developing plans to expand and strengthen these approaches within its buildings and programs.

The 2025–2026 school year marks the third year of implementation of our 2023–2028 Strategic Plan. This five-year plan serves as our guiding “north star,” helping us focus priorities, allocate resources thoughtfully, and monitor progress. It centers on three key areas:

- Academic Success
- Improved School Climate and Culture

- Community Engagement and Communication

These priorities reflect our commitment to equitable, high-quality education that supports students academically, socially, and emotionally. The GRCSU administrative team continues to advance action steps aligned with the plan and regularly shares progress and accomplishments.

This past year, GRCSU has placed a strong emphasis on improving student achievement and growth, particularly in literacy and mathematics. Curriculum documents have been updated, instructional resources refined, and professional learning aligned to support consistent, high-quality instruction. Schools have continued implementing new math and literacy programs, expanded the use of common assessments, and deepened analysis of student data to guide instruction and intervention. Educational Support Team processes have been strengthened, and curriculum alignment across grade levels has continued. At the same time, planning has moved forward to expand enrichment opportunities, service learning, post-secondary pathways, and specialized programming that better meet the needs of all learners, while remaining mindful of fiscal and structural realities.

Equally important has been our focus on school climate, culture, and engagement. GRCSU has prioritized recruiting, retaining, and developing highly effective staff by strengthening hiring practices, clarifying shared values, expanding mentorship and leadership opportunities, and aligning professional learning with district goals. Plans are underway to gather meaningful feedback from students and staff through climate and culture surveys to guide continuous improvement. Clear and consistent communication with families and the community remains a priority, informed by survey feedback and structured outreach. GRCSU has also aligned its Strategic Plan with Vermont's updated Education Quality Standards through a crosswalk process, ensuring our improvement efforts remain focused and responsive. The complete Strategic Plan is available on our website at <https://grcsu.org/grcsu-2023-2028-strategic-plan/>.

At GRCSU, we value strong partnerships with families and community members. Every student deserves access to a high-quality education that prepares them for success, whatever path they choose. If you would like to learn more about our work or become more involved, we encourage you to connect with your local school principal or attend a district school board meeting.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to our school board members for their commitment and service. Their leadership, thoughtful decision-making, and dedication to balancing fiscal responsibility with student needs are critical to supporting our schools.

Finally, we encourage you to participate in Town Meeting Day on March 3, 2026. For additional information, please visit www.grcsu.org, call 802-775-4342, or email us at your convenience. Thank you for your continued partnership and support of GRCSU and our students.

Sincerely,

Chris Sell
GRCSU Superintendent

Lisa Mattison
GRCSU Assistant Superintendent





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February 2026

Dear GRCSU Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

The Department of Student Support Services remains committed to ensuring that all students receive equitable access to education through individualized, high-quality support. From scaffolded accommodations and tailored evaluations to student-focused programming, equitable hiring, and thoughtful budgeting, GRCSU Student Support Services remains committed to aligning its practices with our district's values. We know that all learners (adults and students alike) use accommodations, modifications, additional interventions, or specialized instruction to experience success in school and life, and our goal is to normalize the use of supports to thrive.

The Office of Student Support Services collaborates with building leadership to oversee the following mandated support programs: Special Education, Section 504, and the Educational Support System (see below for a description of these programs). In addition, our office serves as the liaison for numerous local, state, and federal programs that provide services to students, including school counseling professionals, school nurses, the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, School Psychologists, Occupational and Physical Therapists, and Early Education.

Student Support Data

- **Students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs):** currently, 347
- **Students supported through Section 504 Plans:** currently, 104

These students received specialized instruction, related services, accommodations, and progress monitoring in compliance with state and federal regulations. These services were provided across a continuum of needs, with a focus on academic growth, social-emotional development, and inclusive practices.

Specialized Programs

Connections Program – Poultney High School

The Connections Program continues to provide comprehensive support for students with significant needs, including those who are cognitively impaired and have multiple disabilities. The program emphasizes functional academics, life skills, communication, and social development, while promoting independence and meaningful participation within the school and community.

Bridges Program – Wells Village School

The Bridges Program serves students with low academic performance who also present behavioral/social concerns. This program integrates targeted academic interventions with behavioral and social-emotional supports. A structured environment, consistent expectations, and individualized behavior plans help students develop the skills necessary for improved academic engagement and success.

Staff

Paraeducators, teachers, school psychologists, evaluators, speech pathologists, behaviorists, occupational therapists, and physical therapists all play essential roles in the success of our educational initiatives. Recognizing and valuing their contributions is vital, as they are integral to our students' well-being and development. GRCSU is fortunate to have such dedicated professionals servicing our students.

GRCSU Student Support Services continue to play a critical role in meeting the diverse needs of our student population. Through individualized planning, specialized programming, and collaboration with families and staff, the department supports student growth while fostering inclusive learning environments. Ongoing evaluation of programs and services ensures that supports remain responsive, effective, and aligned with student needs.

Submitted Respectfully,

Tammy Rescott

Director of Student Support Services
Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union





December 29, 2025

To Ira Town School District Taxpayers:

The Ira Town School District audit of the financial statements as of and for the year ending June 30, 2025, by RHR Smith and Company has been completed. Copies of the report are available for review at the GRCSU office located at 100 Westway Mall Drive, Unit 2, West Rutland, VT 05777.

Sincerely

Louis Milazzo
Business Manager

Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union

2025-2026 GRCSU Staffing

Last Name	First Name	Position	FTE	Current Salary	Grant Funded
Chamberlain	Shauna	Board Secretary	-	\$ 1,886	0%
Charron	Regina	SLP	1.00	\$ 68,780	0%
Condrell	Jamieson	Tooth Tutor	0.33	\$ 19,567	100%
Connors	Greg	Administrator	1.00	\$ 111,826	0%
Dambrackas	Deborah	Benefit Specialist	1.00	\$ 72,800	0%
Daub	Neil	IT Tech	1.00	\$ 69,489	0%
Fiske	Lori	Bookkeeper	1.00	\$ 59,717	0%
Gardner III	Milton	IT System Admin	1.00	\$ 77,480	0%
Gragen	Deborah	Admin Asst	1.00	\$ 52,722	100%
Gutches	Emily	Medicaid Clerk	0.50	\$ 23,887	100%
Hansen	Kristi	Evaluator	1.00	\$ 80,244	50%
Hawke	Connavar	IT Tech	1.00	\$ 46,618	0%
Hawkins	Christina	Evaluator	1.00	\$ 82,889	0%
Hutchins	Elizabeth	SR Financial Analyst	1.00	\$ 68,640	0%
Jensen	Matthew	Coordinator for Student Services	1.00	\$ 83,750	100%
Kulig	Patricia	Treasurer	-	\$ 1,500	0%
Layden	Kelsey	OT	1.00	\$ 63,573	0%
Livak	Delores	Bookkeeper	0.75	\$ 37,459	0%
Loomis	Katy	Coordinator for Student Services	1.00	\$ 91,291	0%
Manning	Jodi	SLP	1.00	\$ 89,180	0%
Marino	Kathy	Bookkeeper	1.00	\$ 59,717	0%
Mattison	Lisa	Administrator	1.00	\$ 116,105	45%
McGuiness	Kristine	Exec Asst to the Superintendent	1.00	\$ 59,717	0%
Milazzo	Louis	Administrator	1.00	\$ 120,418	0%
Milliman	Jesse	School Psychologist	1.00	\$ 88,376	90%
Mitchell	Ali	PT	0.80	\$ 59,872	0%
Moriarity	Shannon	Web Design Data Master	1.00	\$ 54,600	0%
Newell	Shannon	School Psychologist	1.00	\$ 88,400	0%
Ondria	Cindy	Sub Coordinator	1.00	\$ 54,288	0%
Rescott	Tammy	Director of Student Service	1.00	\$ 119,600	100%
Seamans	Ashlee	Behavioral Specialist	1.00	\$ 52,000	0%
Sell	Christopher	Administrator	1.00	\$ 168,136	0%
Short	Sally	PT	0.09	\$ 9,777	0%
Taylor	Sarah	Early Ed Coordinator	1.00	\$ 92,378	100%
Weeden	Heather	SLP	1.00	\$ 89,180	0%
Weideman	Tyler	Curriculum Coordinator	1.00	\$ 88,000	0%
White	Kevin	School Psychologist	1.00	\$ 85,441	0%
Wilson	Heather	SLP	1.00	\$ 64,931	0%

* Salaries are based on contracted salaries for 2025-2026 School Year as of 1/5/26 and do not include any changes, additions, deletions or updates that have occurred after that date. Hourly staff salaries are estimated based on contracted days and hours.

GREATER RUTLAND COUNTY SUPERVISORY UNION

Ira School District Assessment Summary

FY27

Summary of Assessments

Curriculum Administration	\$	235,112
General Administration	\$	480,618
Fiscal Services	\$	731,902
Technology Services	\$	617,846
Plant Operations	\$	127,647
Special Ed	\$	9,845,334
Total	\$	12,038,460

Anticipated Non Assessment Revenue \$ 7,063,088

Amount to be Assessed to School Districts \$ 4,975,372

Assessment to Ira School District \$ 78,694

Please Note: The Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union budget detail is available on-line at www.grcsu.org or by calling the GRCSU central office at (802) 775-4342

Ira School District
FY27 Budget - Board Approved 1/7/26

Account	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Budget	Variance	
1001-20151-110-1 Local Revenue					
1001-20151-110-1510-00000 Interest Income	\$ 5,092.60	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	
1001-20151-110-1980-00000 PY Tuition Refund	\$ 2,557.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
1001-20151-110-1980-00100 PY Assessment Refund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,976.71	\$ 2,976.71	
1001-20151-110-5400-00000 Prior Year Carryover	\$ 26,286.62	\$ 48,461.19	\$ -	\$ (48,461.19)	
Local Revenue	\$ 33,936.72	\$ 52,461.19	\$ 6,976.71	\$ (45,484.48)	
1001-20151-110-3 State Revenue					
1001-20151-110-3110-00000 State Support Grant	\$ 734,847.00	\$ 762,339.37	\$ 820,874.43	\$ 58,535.06	
1001-20151-110-3114-00000 From State to Tech Cente	\$ 28,526.00	\$ 23,883.00	\$ 24,937.00	\$ 1,054.00	
1001-20151-110-3115-00000 Unenrolled Tech Revenue	\$ 1,932.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
State Revenue	\$ 765,305.00	\$ 786,222.37	\$ 845,811.43	\$ 59,589.06	
Total Revenue	\$ 799,241.72	\$ 838,683.56	\$ 852,788.14	\$ 14,104.58	
1001-20101 Prek Tuition					
1001-20101-110-1101-56100 PreK tuition Public	\$ 3,884.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	
	\$ 3,884.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	
1001-20111 Elementary Tuition Expens					
1001-20111-110-1101-56100 In State Tuition	\$ 274,500.01	\$ 282,710.00	\$ 341,400.00	\$ 58,690.00	
1001-20111-110-1101-56200 Private School Tuition	\$ 15,828.00	\$ 16,302.84	\$ 17,332.84	\$ 1,030.00	
	\$ 290,328.01	\$ 299,012.84	\$ 358,732.84	\$ 59,720.00	
1001-20131-110 Secondary Tuition Expense					
1001-20131-110-1101-56100 In State Tuition	\$ 396,250.11	\$ 401,307.50	\$ 328,670.00	\$ (72,637.50)	
1001-20131-110-1101-56200 Private Tuition	\$ 19,774.00	\$ 20,367.22	\$ 21,537.30	\$ 1,170.08	
	\$ 416,024.11	\$ 421,674.72	\$ 350,207.30	\$ (71,467.42)	
1001-20131-310 Vocational Tuition Expens					
1001-20131-310-1301-56600 Vocational On Behalf Pa	\$ 28,526.00	\$ 23,883.00	\$ 24,937.00	\$ 1,054.00	
1001-20131-310-1301-56700 Vocational Tuition	\$ 24,951.92	\$ 24,355.00	\$ 25,565.00	\$ 1,210.00	
	\$ 53,477.92	\$ 48,238.00	\$ 50,502.00	\$ 2,264.00	
1001-20151-110-23 Board of Education					
1001-20151-110-2311-59100 SU purchased Services	\$ 4,669.62	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	
1001-20151-110-2311-61100 Supplies	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	
	\$ 4,669.62	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ -	
1001-20151-110-2590 Assessment Expense					
1001-20151-110-2590-59300 Assessment	\$ 40,536.00	\$ 38,240.00	\$ 43,320.00	\$ 5,080.00	
	\$ 40,536.00	\$ 38,240.00	\$ 43,320.00	\$ 5,080.00	
1001-20151-220 Special Ed Assessment Exp					
1001-20151-220-2490-59300 Special Ed Assessment	\$ 28,800.00	\$ 18,018.00	\$ 36,526.00	\$ 18,508.00	
	\$ 28,800.00	\$ 18,018.00	\$ 36,526.00	\$ 18,508.00	
Total Expense	\$ 837,719.66	\$ 838,683.56	\$ 852,788.14	\$ 14,104.58	2%
Total Fund Balance	\$ (38,477.94)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00	
Total Educational Expense	\$ 801,850.94	\$ 786,222.37	\$ 845,811.43	\$ 59,589.06	8%

Ira Town School District
FY27 Budget Tax Rate - Estimate

	FY26	FY27	Change %
Expense	\$ 838,684	\$ 852,788	1.7%
Education Spending	\$ 786,222	\$ 845,811	7.6%
LTW ADM	82.45	85.69	3.9%
Education Spending Per LTW ADM	\$ 9,536	\$ 9,871	3.5%
Estimated State Yield	\$ 8,596	\$ 8,849	2.9%
Estimated Tax Rate	\$ 1.109	\$ 1.1154	0.6%
CLA	94.62%	84.40%	-10.8%
Estimated Tax Rate post CLA	\$ 1.1724	\$ 1.3216	12.7%

Estimated Students & Tuition Rates for Fiscal 2026-2027

<u>Elementary School</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Estimated Student Count</u>	<u>Estimated & Budgeted Tuition Rate</u>	<u>Estimated & Budgeted Total Tuition</u>
West Rutland Elementary	K-6	6	\$ 18,500	\$ 111,000
Rutland Town School	K-6	4	\$ 18,500	\$ 74,000
Middletown Springs Elem	K-6	2	\$ 18,500	\$ 37,000
Proctor Elementary	K-6	2	\$ 18,500	\$ 37,000
Rutland Area Christian School	K-6	2	\$ 8,666	\$ 17,333
Clarendon Elementary	K-6	4	\$ 20,600	\$ 82,400
Sub-Total		20	-	\$ 358,733
<u>Secondary School</u>				
Mill River H.S	7-12	6	\$ 22,145	\$ 132,870
West Rutland H.S.	7-12	5.5	\$ 21,000	\$ 115,500
FairHaven HS	7-12	2	\$ 19,570	\$ 39,140
Rutland City HS	7-12	1	\$ 22,660	\$ 22,660
Long Trail School	7-12	1	\$ 21,537	\$ 21,537
Rutland Town School	7-12	1	\$ 18,500	\$ 18,500
Sub-Total		16.5	\$ 125,412	\$ 350,207
Grant Total		36.5		\$ 708,940

CHILD FIND NOTICE

The Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union and each of the member school districts (Ira, Quarry Valley, Wells Springs, and Rutland Town) are responsible for the provision of a free and appropriate public education for every child with an educational disability ages 3-21 living within a member town.

We are searching for any child including those birth through 2 years of age who might be eligible for and in need of special education and related services help. Anyone can and should make a referral of any child living in one of these towns they believe may be eligible for special education. They can do so by contacting in writing or by telephone:

The Principal of the school which the child is or will be likely to attend
OR
The Superintendent of Schools
Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union
100 Westway Mall Drive, Unit 2, West Rutland, VT 05777
Tel: 802-775-4342

Referral information will be handled in confidence. The referral may lead to an evaluation of the child to determine if he or she is eligible for and in need of special education. If the answer is yes, an individualized educational plan will be developed and implemented by a multidisciplinary team of people including the child's parents.

Please. If you suspect a child residing in one of these towns may be in need of special education, make a referral.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union and its member districts, will not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities including vocational education and special instruction as and to the extent provided by law.

The following have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the specified school district's non-discrimination policies:

Principal Poultney Elementary School, 96 School Circle, Poultney, VT 05764 Tel: 802-287-5212
Principal Poultney High School, 154 East Main Street, Poultney, VT 05764 Tel: 802-287-5861
Principal Proctor Elementary School, 14 School Street, Proctor, VT 05765 Tel: 802-459-2225
Principal Proctor Jr./Sr. High School, 4 Park Street, Proctor, VT 05765 Tel: 802-459-3353
Principal Rutland Town School, 1612 Post Road, Rutland, VT Tel: 802-775-0566
Principal Middletown Springs Elementary School, 15 School House Road, Middletown Springs, VT Tel: 802-855-5155
Principal Wells Village School, 36 MWA Loop, Wells, VT 05774 Tel: 802-645-0386
Principal West Rutland School, 713 Main Street, West Rutland, VT 05777 Tel: 802-438-2288
Superintendent GRCSU, 100 Westway Mall Drive, Unit 2, West Rutland, VT 05777 Tel: 802-775-4342

Additional inquiries regarding the provisions of the federal law related to children or adults with handicapping conditions or disabilities impacting the Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union or its member districts including Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act can be obtained by contacting the Superintendent of Schools, Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union, 100 Westway Mall Drive, Unit 2, West Rutland, VT 05777, Tel: 802-775-4342

**IRA TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING
Annual School District Meeting**

March 2 and March 3, 2026

The legal voters of the Ira Town School District are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Ira Town Hall in said Town at seven o'clock in the evening on Monday March 2, 2026, for a public informational hearing to discuss articles 1 & 2, and to recess to Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 10:00 AM (polls open) through 7:00 PM (polls close) to act on articles 3 through 4 by Australian Ballot at the Ira Town Office.

March 2, 2026

- Article 1. To hear the reports of the School Board and other District officials and act thereon.
- Article 2. To transact any other lawful business that comes before the meeting.

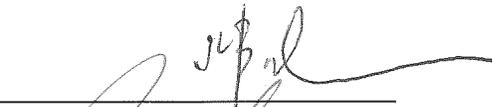
March 3, 2026

- Article 3. "Shall the voters of the Ira School District approve the school board to expend \$852,788.14, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The Ira Town School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$9,871, which is 3.5% higher than the per pupil education spending for the current year."
- Article 4. To elect school officers as required by law:
- School Moderator for a term of one (1) year.
 - School Director for a term of three (3) years.

Said persons and voters are further warned and notified that pursuant to 17 V.S.A. Section 2680(h), Article 3 constitutes a Public Hearing on the proposed budget.

Dated at Ira, Vermont, January 7, 2026

SCHOOL DIRECTORS



Jeff Barden, Chair



Philip Lapp, Clerk



Sara Meling, Vice Chair

A true copy, attested and duly recorded
As required by law on January 8, 2026



Town Clerk

Warning
Town of Ira Annual Town Meeting
March 2, 2026 – Informational Hearing
March 3, 2026 – Annual Town Meeting

The legal voters of the Town of Ira, County of Rutland, State of Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at 7:30 pm on Monday, March 2, 2026 at the Ira Town Hall for a public informational hearing to discuss articles to be voted on by Australian ballot, and to meet at the Ira Town Office at 53 West Road in Ira on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. to vote by Australian ballot on the following articles:

Article 1: To elect town officers as required by law:

- Auditor for a 3-year term
- Auditor remaining 2 years of a 3-year term
- Delinquent Tax Collector for a 1-year term
- Lister for a 3-year term
- Lister remaining 1 year of a 3-year term
- Town Moderator for a 1-year term
- Select Board member for a 3-year term
- First Constable for a 2-year term

Article 2: Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes to the Town Treasurer on or before October 20, 2026?

Article 3: Shall the voters authorize the total expenditure of \$330,996 for the Town General Fund and Highway Fund for the fiscal year 7/1/26 – 6/30/27, for which \$233,429.26 shall be raised by taxes and \$97,566.74 by non-property tax revenue?

Article 4: Shall the voters appropriate \$12,000 to be raised by taxes for the Rutland County Sheriff's Department?

Article 5: Shall the voters appropriate \$44,450 for the support of the Ira Volunteer Fire Department to provide services to the residents of Ira?

Article 6: Shall the voters appropriate \$15,000 to the Ira Volunteer Fire Department to go into the reserve fund for the purpose of replacing a fire truck?

Article 7: Shall the voters of Ira vote to raise, appropriate and expend \$3,500 for the support of the Rutland Free Library to provide services to the residents of Ira?

Article 8: Shall the voters of Ira vote to raise, appropriate and expend \$973 for the support of the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region to provide services to the residents of Ira?

Article 9: Shall the voters of Ira vote to raise, appropriate and expend \$500 to the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging to provide elder services to the residents of Ira?

Article 10: Shall the voters of Ira vote to raise, appropriate and expend \$375 to the RSVP & Volunteer Center to provide services to the residents of Ira?

Article 11: Shall the voters of Ira appropriate \$300 to support the Bird's Eye View?

Article 12: Shall the voters of Ira vote to raise, appropriate and expend \$150 to support the Vermont Farmers Food Center to provide services to residents of Ira?

Dated at Ira, Vermont, January 27, 2026

Select Board



Nathan Hewitt, Chair

Darin May



Timothy Carter

A true copy, attested and duly recorded
As required by law on January 27, 2026



Bobbi Raiche, Town Clerk

NOTICE TO VOTERS – For Local Elections

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerks Office by **February 1, 2026**. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by **February 11, 2026**.

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE: There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to olvr.vermont.gov.

REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS: You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone, email, or online at mvp.vermont.gov. The latest you can request ballots for the **March 3, 2026 Annual Town Meeting is the close of the Town Clerk's office on February 26, 2026 by 2:30 pm**. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:

- You may vote in the town clerk's office before the deadline.
- Voter may take his or her ballot(s) out of the clerk's office and return in same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.
- Have ballot mailed to you, and mail or deliver it back to the clerk's office before Election Day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- If you are sick or disabled before Election Day, ask the town clerk to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or on the day of election.)

ON ELECTION DAY:

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form.

If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter on Election Day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

If you are a first-time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail and did not submit the required document, you must provide a current and valid photo identification, or a bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name/current address.

If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters you know have disabilities let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials.

If you have any questions or need assistance while voting, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.

NO PERSON SHALL:

- Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.
- Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.
- Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.
- Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

FOR HELP OR INFORMATION: Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)

If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated, you may file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633.

If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office.

If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS using Australian Ballots

CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE BALLOTS:

- Go to the entrance checklist table.
- Give name and, if asked, street address to the election official in a loud voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- An election official will give you a ballot.
- Enter within the guardrail and go to a vacant voting booth.

MARK YOUR BALLOT: For each office listed on the ballot, you will see instructions to "Vote for not more than one, or Vote for not more than two, etc."

- To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate you want to vote for.
- WRITE-IN candidate(s). To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" lines on the ballot and either write-in the name or paste on sticker, then fill in the oval.

CHECK OUT:

- Go to the exit checklist table and state your name in an audible voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

CAST YOUR VOTE by depositing your voted ballot in "Voted Ballots" box.

LEAVE the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail.

Town Officers

As of March 2025 Election

Position	Officer	Year Elected	Term	Term Ends
Auditors	Tina Graves	March 2024	3 Year	2027
	Christine Tyminski	March 2023	3 Year	2026
	Vacant	March 2025	3 Year	2028
Delinquent Tax Collector	Deborah Perry	March 2025	1 Year	2026
First Constable	Fran Lloyd	March 2024	2 Year	2026
Listers	Karen Davis	March 2025	3 Year	2028
	Janine Peterson	March 2023	3 Year	2026
	Vacant	March 2024	3 Year	2027
Moderator (Town & School)	Mary Mitiguy	March 2025	1 Year	2026
School Directors	Philip Lapp	March 2025	3 Year	2026
	Sarah Meling	November 2024	3 Year	2027
	Jeff Barden	March 2025	3 Year	2028
Select Board	Darin May	March 2025	3 Year	2028
	Tim Carter	March 2025	3 Year	2027
	Nathan Hewitt	March 2023	3 Year	2026
Town Clerk	Bobbi Raiche	March 2025	3 Year	2027
Town Treasurer	Deborah Perry	March 2024	3 Year	2027
Justices	Mary Ann Black	November 2024	2 Year	2026
	Madeline Kerstetter	November 2024	2 Year	2026
	Larry Taggart	November 2024	2 Year	2026
	Bob Toppin	November 2024	2 Year	2026

Appointed Officers

Assistant Town Clerk	Jerri Hoffman
Assistant Treasurer	Donald Berg
Health Officer	Larry Taggart
Tree Warden	Jeff Davis
Fire Warden	Nicholas Cupoli
Cemetery Committee	Nathan Hewitt Jean-Marie Raiche Barbara Favreau Christina Hewitt
Planning Commission	Bob Kirbach Bob Toppin Jeff Barden