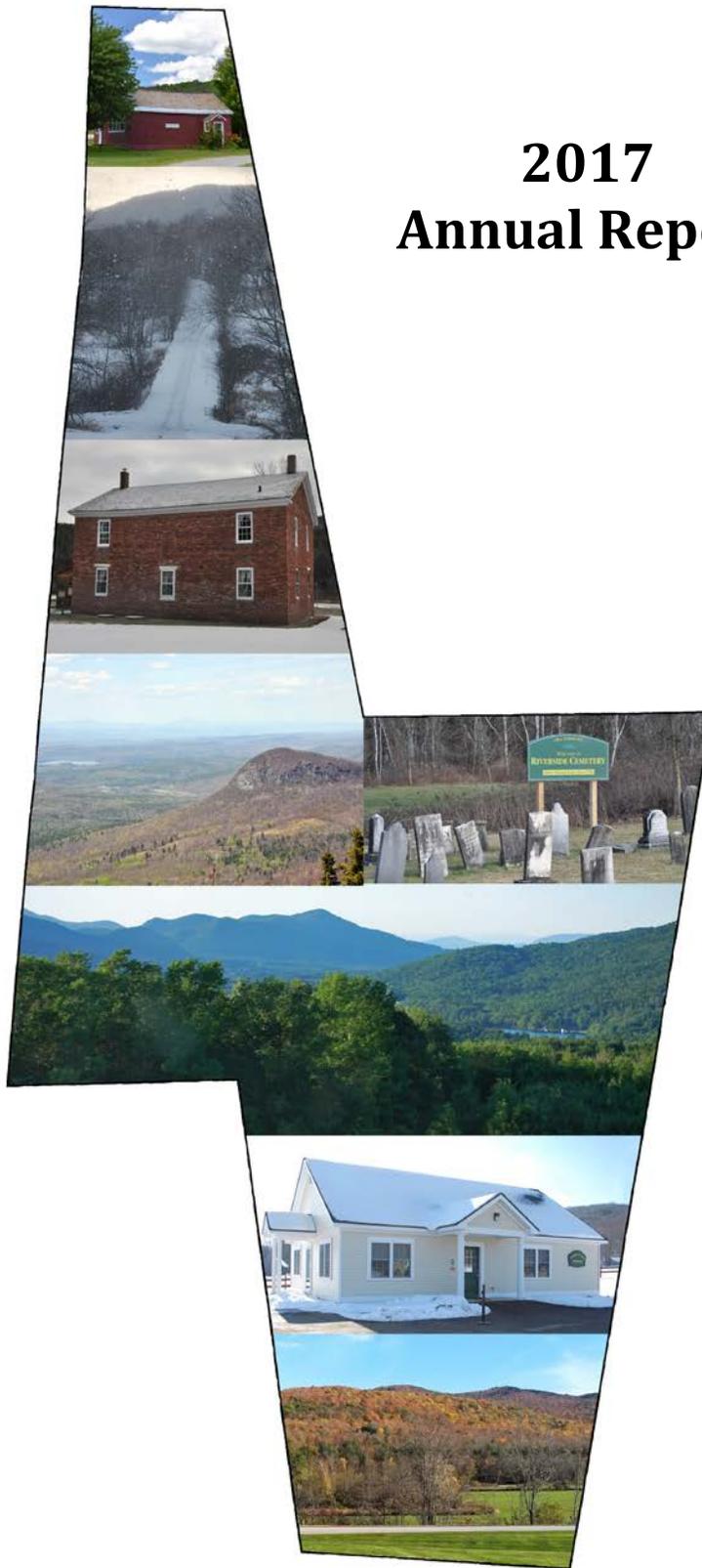
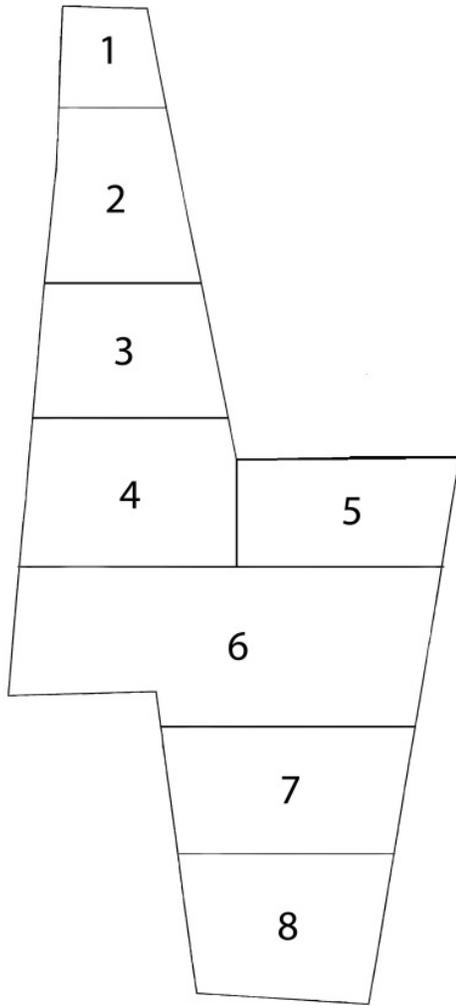


2017 Annual Report



Town of Ira, Vermont

January 1 – June 30, 2017



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- 5- Ira Riverside Cemetery
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Photos by Zoë Davis and Lew Hoffman

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Town Office Hours:

Tuesday 3:00-7:00 and Friday 8:30-2:30
or by appointment

Phone (802) 235-2745 Fax (802) 235-1045

iraclerk@vermontel.com

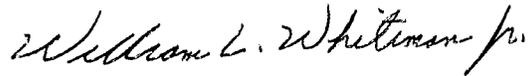
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AUDITORS REPORT 2017

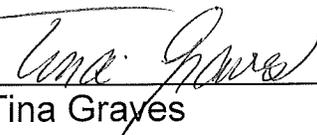
As you will recall in June 2016 the town voted to move to a fiscal year ending June 30th, therefore the actual numbers in the 2017 Town Report reflect the period 1/1/2017 through 6/30/17.

We have examined the financial records of the Town of Ira for the year ending June 30, 2017. 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, 2017.

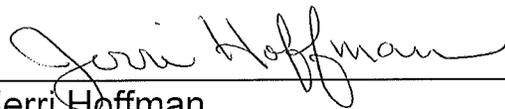
Dated January 16, 2018 at the Town Of Ira.



William Whiteman



Tina Grayes



Jerri Hoffman

Treasurer's Financial Statements

STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCES		
AS OF JUNE 30, 2017		
General Operating – Merchants	\$	125,086.16
Petty Cash		300.00
Money Market – Merchants		
Building Reserve	\$	35,000.00
Cemetery Fund		33,656.10
Professional Audit Reserve		12,000.00
Reappraisal Reserve		25,061.33
Garage Building Fund		40,000.00
Money Market – Merchants–Other		<u>63,448.60</u>
Total Money Market – Merchants		209,166.03
Equipment Savings		32,717.05
George Putnam Fund		<u>4,835.02</u>
Total Cash Balances	\$	<u>372,104.26</u>

ASSETS		
Buildings		
Town Hall	\$	87,500.00
Town Office Building		212,408.00
Old School House		5,000.00
Town Garage		<u>40,100.00</u>
Total Buildings	\$	345,008.00
Equipment		
Backhoe	\$	18,000.00
1970 Caterpillar Grader		25,000.00
2016 Kenworth T270		<u>135,905.00</u>
Total Equipment		178,905.00
Total Assets	\$	<u>523,913.00</u>

Ira Riverside Cemetery		
Operating Statement – January 1 – June 30, 2017		
Revenue		
Lot Sales & Contributions	\$	<u>950.00</u>
Total Revenue	\$	950.00
Expenditures		
Grave & Related Expenses	\$	298.00
Cemetery Wages		700.00
Payroll Taxes		<u>53.55</u>
Total Expenditures	\$	<u>1,051.55</u>
	\$	(101.55)

TOWN OF IRA
STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND
REVENUES & EXPENDITURES - CASH BASIS
January 1 - June 30, 2017

REVENUES			
DELINQUENT TAX REVENUE	\$	9,924.57	
DELINQUENT TAX INTEREST		1,271.62	
DOG LICENSES		194.00	
BANK INTEREST		49.87	
CIVIL FINES		579.50	
RAILROAD TAX		7.71	
PREVIOUS YEAR SCHOOL TAX REFUND		16,592.97	
MISC. OTHER REVENUE		16.55	
OVERWEIGHT PERMITS		80.00	
STATE AID TO BACK ROADS		5,659.64	
TOTAL REVENUES		<u>5,659.64</u>	\$ 34,376.43
GENERAL EXPENDITURES			
PAYROLL TAXES	\$	754.87	
POSTAGE		527.33	
PHOTOCOPIER		973.50	
LEGAL SERVICES		2,432.71	
TOWN OFFICE SUPPLIES		746.86	
COMPUTER SOFTWARE/HARDWARE		486.22	
TOWN REPORT		330.00	
ELECTIONS		322.68	
TOWN OFFICE MORTGAGE		16,575.00	
MISCELLANEOUS		9.94	
TOWN CLERK SALARY		4,000.00	
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK SALARY		225.00	
CONSULTANT		1,485.88	
TREASURER SALARY		5,000.00	
LAW ENFORCEMENT		4,701.46	
TOWN OFFICE ELECTRIC		346.99	
TOWN OFFICE HEAT		684.60	
TOWN OFFICE TELEPHONE		868.63	
TOWN OFFICE REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE		707.66	
TOWN OFFICE LAWN MOWING		585.00	
TOWN OFFICE CLEANING		448.00	
TOWN OFFICE MISCELLANEOUS		50.00	
TOWN HALL ELECTRIC		241.27	
TOWN HALL HEAT		937.58	
TOWN HALL TELEPHONE		317.63	
TOWN HALL REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE		984.95	
TOWN HALL LAWN MOWING		520.00	
TOWN HALL CLEANING		192.00	
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENDITURES		<u>192.00</u>	\$ 45,455.76
HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES	\$	8,000.00	
PAYROLL TAXES		1,010.19	
LABOR FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE		1,025.00	
SIGN AND BRIDGES		62.81	
DITCHING		195.00	
GRADING		1,710.00	
EQUIPMENT RENTAL		1,875.00	
SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		14.65	
DIESEL FUEL FOR EQUIPMENT		2,489.16	
TRUCK MAINTENANCE		2,276.91	
GRADER MAINTENANCE		1,885.40	
BACKHOE MAINTENANCE		3,540.04	
TOWN GARAGE ELECTRIC		142.94	
TOWN GARAGE HEAT		140.40	
TOWN GARAGE REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE		985.31	
TOWN HIGHWAY		<u> </u>	\$ 25,352.81
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u> </u>	<u>\$ 70,808.57</u>
GENERAL FUND DEFICIT			(16,818.97)
HIGHWAY FUND DEFICIT			(19,613.17)
TOTAL DEFICIT			<u>\$ (36,432.14)</u>

Select Board Report

The Select Board had another busy year in 2017. We applied for and were awarded a grant to install new culverts on the upper end of the Birdseye Road. Due to plugged culverts, the water was running down the road causing it to erode. We plan to address more erosion issues in 2018, as well as, cleaning of ditches and culvert replacement on the West Rd.

To start off the New Year, we are in the beginning stages of forming a committee to study the need and benefits of building a municipal building to serve as the Town Garage and the Fire Department. If you have any suggestions or would like to be a part of the committee, please contact one of the Select Board members.

Our appreciation is extended to the many volunteers who serve in various Town positions, on boards, commissions, committees, and the fire department. They all provide tremendous value to the town and need to be thanked for their time and talents.

The Select Board meets at 5:00PM on the 4th Monday of each month, unless otherwise posted. Your input would be helpful and appreciated. For more information regarding 2017, the Select Board meeting minutes are posted on the Town's website.

As a Friendly reminder, the Select Board also serves as the road commissioner. If you have any concerns regarding the road conditions, please contact one of the Select Board members.

Steve Martelle, Chair
Melanie MacDonald, Select Board Member
Robert Toppin, Select Board Member

Town Clerk Report

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 \$9.00 and for an unspayed/un-neutered dog it is \$13.00. A current rabies certificate must be on file or provided at the time the license is purchased. There were 95 dogs licensed in 2017 for revenue of \$210 for the Town. Licenses will be available on Town Voting Day, March 6, 2018 during voting hours.

The Town Office will continue to serve the community by offering motor vehicle renewal registrations, Fish and Wildlife licenses, copies of vital records, marriage licenses, Green Mountain Passports and free notary services. The various associations and agencies annual reports will be available at the Town Office during normal office hours

If you are new to town or just turned 18, please remember to register to vote. You can vote in person at the Town Office during normal business hours on the days preceding the election and during polling hours on Election Day. Voting is at the Town Office for all elections. Polls open at 10:00 am and close at 7:00 pm.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. The Town Office is open on Tuesdays 3:00 – 7:00 and Fridays 8:30 -2:30.

Karen Davis
Town Clerk
(802) 235-2745

	1/1/2017 - 6/30/2017 Budget	1/1/2017 - 6/30/2017 Actual	7/1/2017- 6/30/2018 Budget FY18	7/1/18- 6/30/2019 Proposed Budget FY19
TAX REVENUE				
CURRENT GENERAL FUND TAXES	46,430.00	-	77,338.00	66,303.00
MUNICIPAL TAX ADJUSTMENT	-	-	6,000.00	7,000.00
DELINQUENT TAX REVENUE	-	9,924.57	10,000.00	10,000.00
DELINQUENT TAX INTEREST	-	1,271.62	500.00	500.00
CURRENT USE	-	-	25,000.00	25,000.00
DOG LICENSES	200.00	194.00	200.00	200.00
BANK INTEREST	50.00	49.87	100.00	50.00
USE OF TOWN HALL	-	-	-	-
CIVIL FINES	800.00	579.50	1,000.00	1,000.00
RAILROAD TAX	-	7.71	-	-
F&W NAT RESOURCE/PILOT	-	-	2,000.00	7,000.00
PREV YEAR SCHOOL TAX REFUND	-	16,592.97	-	-
MISC OTHER REVENUE	-	16.55	-	50.00
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE	47,480.00	28,636.79	122,138.00	117,103.00

GENERAL EXPENDITURES				
SELECTMAN SALARY	-	-	2,700.00	2,700.00
ADMIN ASST SALARY	-	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
HEALTH OFFICER	-	-	200.00	200.00
AUDITORS SALARY	-	-	600.00	600.00
PAYROLL TAXES	1,500.00	754.87	3,000.00	3,000.00
CONSULTANTS/TAX MAPS	-	-	700.00	700.00
RUTLAND REG PLANNING COMMISSION	-	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
EDUCATION SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS	250.00	-	750.00	750.00
POSTAGE	1,300.00	527.33	2,000.00	2,000.00
PHOTOCOPIER	1,000.00	973.50	2,000.00	2,000.00
LEGAL SERVICES	2,000.00	2,432.71	4,000.00	4,000.00
ADVERTISING NOTICES/HEARING	800.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
VLCT	-	-	1,500.00	1,500.00
RUTLAND COUNTY TAX	-	-	3,600.00	3,600.00
REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE	-	-	1,728.00	1,728.00
INSURANCE LIABILITY	-	-	10,000.00	10,000.00
INSURANCE WORKERS COMP	-	-	4,000.00	4,500.00
TOWN OFFICE SUPPLIES	600.00	746.86	1,100.00	1,100.00
COMP SOFT/HARDWARE	-	486.22	4,300.00	4,300.00
TOWN REPORT	1,000.00	330.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
RECORDS RESTORATION	-	-	500.00	500.00
ELECTIONS	700.00	322.68	700.00	1,000.00
TRANSFER TO AUDIT FUND	-	-	1,500.00	1,500.00
TRANSFER TO CEMETERY FUND	500.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
TRANSFER TO BUILDING RESTORATION	-	-	-	-
IRVD TRUCK COMMITMENT	-	-	10,000.00	-
TOWN OFFICE MORTGAGE	10,625.00	10,625.00	10,625.00	10,625.00
MORTGAGE INTEREST	5,950.00	5,950.00	5,525.00	5,100.00
MISCELLANEOUS	125.00	9.94	250.00	250.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY	4,000.00	4,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
ASST TOWN CLERK SALARY	250.00	225.00	500.00	500.00
LISTERS SALARY	-	-	1,800.00	1,800.00
CONSULTANT	1,500.00	1,485.88	4,000.00	4,000.00
TREASURER SALARY	5,000.00	5,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
CONSTABLE SALARY	-	-	200.00	200.00
LAW ENFORCEMENT	4,000.00	4,701.46	8,000.00	12,000.00
TOWN OFFICE ELECTRIC	500.00	346.99	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOWN OFFICE HEAT	500.00	684.60	500.00	800.00
TOWN OFFICE TELEPHONE	1,000.00	868.63	2,000.00	2,000.00
TOWN OFFICE REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	750.00	707.66	1,500.00	1,500.00
TOWN OFFICE LAWN MOWING	500.00	585.00	1,000.00	1,200.00
TOWN OFFICE CLEANING	450.00	448.00	900.00	1,100.00
TOWN OFFICE MISCELLANEOUS	-	50.00	700.00	50.00
TOWN HALL LIGHTS	400.00	241.27	-	700.00
TOWN HALL HEAT	500.00	937.58	1,200.00	1,500.00
TOWN HALL TELEPHONE	180.00	317.63	360.00	400.00
TOWN HALL REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	1,000.00	984.95	4,000.00	3,000.00
TOWN HALL LAWN MOWING	450.00	520.00	900.00	1,200.00
TOWN HALL CLEANING	150.00	192.00	300.00	500.00
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENDITURES	47,480.00	45,455.76	122,138.00	117,103.00

1/1/2017 -
6/30/2017
Budget

1/1/2017 -
6/30/2017
Actual

7/1/2017-
6/30/2018
Budget FY18

7/1/18-
6/30/2019
Proposed Budget FY19

ARTICLES				
IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT	-	-	44,901.00	-
RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY	-	-	2,757.00	-
RAVNAH & HOSPICE	-	-	973.00	-
SOUTHWESTERN VT COUNCIL	-	-	300.00	-
RUTLAND MENTAL HEALTH	-	-	286.00	-
RSVP & VOLUNTEER CTR	-	-	375.00	-
IRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY	-	-	300.00	-
TOTAL ARTICLES	-	-	49,892.00	-

HIGHWAY TAX REVENUE				
CURRENT HIGHWAY TAXES	26,600.00	-	114,400.00	120,900.00
OVERWEIGHT PERMITS	-	80.00	100.00	100.00
STATE AID TO BACK ROADS	5,500.00	5,659.64	11,000.00	11,000.00
HIGHWAY GRANTS	-	-	-	-
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	-	-	-	-
TOTAL HIGHWAY REVENUE	32,100.00	5,739.64	125,500.00	132,000.00

HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES				
SALARIES	8,000.00	8,000.00	12,000.00	15,000.00
FICA/MEDI EXPENSE	1,250.00	1,010.19	2,500.00	3,000.00
LABOR FOR RD MAINTENANCE	3,000.00	1,025.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
SIGNS/BRIDGES	-	62.81	300.00	300.00
ROADSIDE MOWING	-	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
WINTER SAND	-	-	8,000.00	8,000.00
GRAVEL	2,000.00	-	15,000.00	15,000.00
WINTER SALT	-	-	5,500.00	5,500.00
CHLORIDE	-	-	3,000.00	2,000.00
CULVERTS & INSTALLATION	2,000.00	-	10,000.00	10,000.00
DITCHING	2,500.00	195.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
GRADING	3,000.00	1,710.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	1,500.00	1,875.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	500.00	14.65	1,000.00	1,000.00
TRUCKING GRAVEL	2,000.00	-	8,000.00	8,000.00
TRUCKING WINTER SAND/SALT	-	-	4,000.00	4,000.00
DIESEL FUEL FOR EQUIPMENT	1,500.00	2,489.16	3,000.00	3,000.00
TRUCK MAINTENANCE	1,000.00	2,276.91	2,000.00	5,000.00
GRADER MAINTENANCE	1,250.00	1,885.40	2,500.00	3,000.00
BACKHOE MAINTENANCE	1,250.00	3,540.04	3,000.00	3,000.00
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL FUND	-	-	15,000.00	15,000.00
TRANSFER TO BUILDING FUND	-	-	-	-
TOWN GARAGE ELECTRIC	400.00	142.94	800.00	800.00
HEAT	100.00	140.40	400.00	400.00
REPAIRS/ MAINTENANCE	750.00	985.31	1,500.00	1,500.00
MISC TOWN GARAGE	100.00	-	500.00	500.00
GRANT EXPENSE	-	-	-	-
TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES	32,100.00	25,352.81	125,500.00	132,000.00
TOTAL GENERAL & HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES	79,580.00	70,808.57	247,638.00	249,103.00
TOTAL ARTICLES			49,892.00	

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT – December 31, 2017

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Total Due</u>
Angier, Danielle	2017	\$314.72
Bullock, Barbara	2017	1103.47
Clark, Robert H Jr.	2012	2144.76
Crossman, Timothy D	2017	766.84
Dunbar, Christopher	2017	841.79
Dydo, Randy & Elaine	2017	1890.51
Fitzgerald, Clyde	2016	374.16
	2017	689.27
Haynes, Jason	2017	1297.08
Killoleet Rock, LLC	2017	2833.53
Killoleet Rock, LLC	2017	1086.92
Macabee, Pamela	2017	1008.42
North Meadows, Inc.	2013	13.98
	2014	14.78
	2015	14.20
	2016	14.02
	2017	15.51
North, Russell K	2016	96.55
	2017	117.47
Notte, Albert	2017	1358.57
Prescott, Neal W	2013	179.81
	2014	190.05
	2015	182.64
	2016	180.33
	2017	199.47
Sumner, Lori & Kelton	2017	1016.46
Wragg, Cynthia	2017	343.99
		<hr/>
		\$18,289.30

Vital Statistics

Births			
Name	Gender	Date of Birth	Parents
Levi Cayson Melen	M	August 31, 2017	Ashley & Joshua Melen

Marriages			
		Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage
Debra A Lindsey	Gary O Johnston	June 10, 2017	Rutland
Darin D May	Morgan M Raiche	June 17, 2017	Wallingford
Marisa E Lane	Benjamin A Faulkinham	July 1, 2017	Ira
Matthew P Carlson	Kareen M Kelly	August 5, 2017	Rutland
Michael A VanNote	Meagan E Steenbeek	September 30, 2017	Mendon
Erich T Wiggershaus	Sydney M Yendell	October 8, 2017	Rutland

Deaths		
	Age	Date of Death
Thomas F Tyminski	24	March 18, 2017
Corey R Beaudet	41	October 18, 2017
Barbara R Bullock	74	November 28, 2017

Burials	
	Date of Burial
Bruce G Johnston	April 14, 2017
John F Smith	July 16, 2017

Ira's Golden Cane

For many years an old cane has been passed down to Ira's Oldest Resident. The tradition began with the Perry Family, and it has since evolved to incorporate the entire town. The cane has been passed from house to house over the years to honor the oldest resident.

The cane is now in the possession of Mrs. Lucelia Lincoln, who turned 95 years old in May of 2017.

Past Recipients

Carrie Perry	Ruth Johnson	Harry Berg
Stewart Lincoln	Bessie Berg	Enid DeDoming

2017 Cemetery Update

In 2017 the new lot prices and permit fee took effect. Since few lots are sold and there are few burials each year. This will help to generate more revenue for the cemetery fund going into the future.

A new trimmer was purchased in the summer. The old one having been ten plus years old. Thanks to Douglas Hewitt for all his hard work on keeping the grounds up!

Lew Hoffman has continued to work on mapping and documenting lots. Much thanks to Lew for his ongoing work!

Although a work day was not held this summer. We anticipate having one in 2018. Volunteers are always needed!

Respectively Submitted
The Ira Cemetery Committee

Nathan Hewitt
Barbara Favreau
Jean Marie Raiche
Christina Hewitt

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 @ 235-2745 or Alta Johnston @ 235-2247 for an Application and Rental Agreement Form or from the website: townofira.com
3. Return completed and signed Application and Rental Agreement Form and Certificate of Insurance to the Town Clerk or Alta Johnston for review and approval from the Select Board. *** The Select Board meets on the 4th Monday 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 or Alta Johnston to make payment and pick up the key prior to the event.
5. PAYMENT must be made in 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 or Alta Johnston, 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 Alta Johnson to make arrangements.
8. Refer to the terms and conditions of the Rental Agreement for additional requirements and responsibilities.

Ira Historical Society

The Ira Historical Society is dedicated to preserving the history of the Town of Ira. The Society continues to have an active website at www.iravhs.com. All are welcome to attend meetings which are held every three months. Meeting notes and scheduled meetings are posted on the website. The Society operates as a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Donations and memberships are tax deductible. Annual membership fees are \$10 for individuals and \$15 for families. Your participation and support of the Ira Historical Society is appreciated and encouraged.

Report of the Ira Planning Commission for 2017

The planning commission had a quiet year. With the help of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, we have applied for a municipal planning grant. If we are awarded the grant in 2018, the funds will be used to rewrite and update the town plan to meet state requirements. As we have done in the past, we will receive assistance from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission and we will hold one or more meetings in town to receive input and comments from Ira residents.

Vermont 2-1-1

Vermont 2-1-1 is a free, confidential, Information and Referral program of the United Way of Vermont. By dialing 2-1-1 from any phone in Vermont, you will receive up-to-date information and referrals on health services, human service resources, and community programs all across the state, 24 hours a day/7 days a week.

Dialing the three-digit number, 2-1-1, helps ensure that Vermonters have access to community, regional, state, and federal-based services to help them with both everyday needs and personal or family issues during difficult times.

2-1-1 also serves as the Public Inquiry Line for the Division of Emergency Management & Homeland Security and the School Crisis Team during a disaster or emergency incident.

For further information: dial 2-1-1 or 1-866-652-4636 www.vermont211.org

Regional Ambulance Service

Regional Ambulance was formed 34 years ago to provide emergency ambulance services to its member towns. Ira joined the ambulance service at its inception. Regional Ambulance Service responded to 18 calls in Ira during 2017.

The Ambulance Service offers monthly CPR classes, lectures, demonstrations and child car seat inspections are held on Wednesdays.

Please feel free to contact Regional Ambulance Service with any questions, 773-1746, or visit their website www.rasvt.com for more information on their services and membership details.

Rutland Free Library Update

“Our” library faced several challenges in 2017: The Rutland Board of Aldermen (BOA) approved a flat-line budget, despite the 3% library increase recommended by both the mayor and Recreation Committee. The loss of anticipated revenue forced the library to cut hours and close no later than 7 pm. Then in August a chunk of ceiling fell in the Fox Room, the library’s premier large meeting space, necessitating its closing and major repair. Also, three staff members left, due to family health issues or retirement.

It is a testament to the library leadership and staff that the above challenges have/are being successfully met: The BOA has approved a 3% increase for 2018, which along with administrative belt-tightening and one time savings due to retirements, will allow the library to reopen two evenings a week till 9 PM. Repairs to the Fox Room should be completed by April. Assistant Director Randal Smathers was appointed the new Director, ensuring continuity, and two other staff took on new expanded roles.

Meanwhile, the extensive book/ebook/periodical/DVD/CD collections are continuously updated; families regularly take advantage of the park and museum passes, and researchers actively tap the diverse databases available. Rich programming continues for patrons of all ages, from Story Time, Babies and Toddlers Rock, the Summer Reading and Lego clubs, to First Wednesdays. Book Club, language classes, and the Rutland Herald Reader Columns. Collaboration thrives with a wide range of community groups/agencies, such as the Parent-Child Center, Wonderfeet Museum, local schools and colleges, and The Young Professionals. Friends of the Library continue to offer their amazing book sales, and other volunteers deliver books to patrons who are physically unable to come to the library. Staff remain highly committed to superior service and patrons frequently comment on staff who have “gone the extra mile” to help them.

Rutland Free Library and members of the Board of Trustees appreciate the ongoing support of Ira residents and hope they feel well-served. They ask that a request for \$2925 be placed on the March 2018 ballot, which is a \$124 increase from 2017.

Submitted by Kay Jones, Ira representative to RFL Board of Trustees

CONSTABLES REPORT

2017

There were 9 break-ins reported in 2017 on the South end of town. The State Police and the Rutland County Sheriffs Patrol both worked on the investigations. With this in mind it is important that you keep your house, garage, and car locked up. Many of the houses in town have been outfitted with security systems. There are surveillance cameras available at reasonable pricing.

Be vigilant and report any suspicious activity. Keep an eye on your neighborhood and if you are going away the Sheriffs Patrol will do spot checks on your house at no cost.



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P.O. BOX 303
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Stephen P. Benard
SHERIFF

TOWN OF IRA RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S TOWN REPORT FOR 2017

I am pleased to report that your Select board has agreed to be part of four town regional patrol pilot project with this Department. Regional patrol towns include Middletown Springs, Ira, Danby and Tinmouth. Each of the Town's currently have patrol contracts with RCSD, and with the addition of some grant funding we have been able to create a forty hour per week regional patrol.

During the regional patrol, our assigned deputy (Cpl. Ed Hunter) divides his time according to the hours needed to satisfy each individual town contract. However, while he is on duty (8 hours a day, five days per week) he is available to answer calls in any of the four-town covered by this regional agreement. Cpl. Hunter is able to flex his time in an effort to handle ongoing issues such as commuter traffic speed complaints, suspicious activities that are noticed and reported, community meetings and other civic events. This provides a much better level of service to the citizens of these towns than simply getting a set number of hours per week, that are usually all spent in a day or maybe two days of part time patrols.

As mentioned, this is a pilot project. The pilot is to see if the select boards and citizens of each town in the agreement are happy with the level of service they are getting, along with the expanded hours of call response. There may need to be some adjustment to the new contracts that take effect July 01, 2018 so that this regional effort can continue.

Please support this effort. It is my belief that regional patrol service contracts are the way of the future, especially for smaller towns that may not be able to individually afford a full-time police officer.

During 2017, the Rutland County Sheriff's Department handled 16 cases, including the following:

- 4-Assists to motorists/citizens
- 1-Suspicious Complaint
- 1-Traffic Hazard
- 1-Vin Inspection
- 8-Property Watches
- 111-Traffic stops

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen P. Benard
Sheriff

IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 2017

Incident Reports 2017
1 Missing Person
6 Auto accidents
1 Civil Complaint
2 Powerline/ Storm damage
1 Person in distress
Total Calls: 11

The Fire Department installed a new dry fire hydrant in North Ira this year through a grant issued to the town by the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force. This will improve fire suppression potentiality by allowing quicker, easier, and safer year round drafting capability. Drills completed this year included hose lines, vehicle extrication, and other live fire drills with surrounding departments. The burn building behind the station continues to be a great training asset as we were able to train with Middletown Springs and Tinmouth Fire Departments on separate occasions.

We continue to note that due to changes made in 2015 to the dispatch call center coming out of Rockingham, VT, we ask that you be as specific as possible with any calls to 911. If anything is suspicious, don't hesitate to call.

We would like to thank the townspeople who helped the fire department during the high wind and rain storm on May 5, and for the patience portrayed while we worked with Green Mountain Power to restore power to residences. Welfare checks were completed by the department after the storm to ensure well-being to several townspeople.

As mentioned in the past, anyone interested in joining or supporting the Ira Volunteer Fire Department is welcome to contact any of the current members or by calling (802) 747-8398. Fire permits can be obtained by that same number. We advise safety with chimneys this time of year, especially with the extreme temperatures. Thank you to those who donated to the department this year! Here's to a successful and safe 2018.

2017 Membership:

Tim Perry, Chief	Bob Toppin	Jeff St. Germain
Dan Perry, Asst. Chief	Fran Llyod	Nick Cupoli
Steve Martelle, President	Bill Johnson	Macalyster Perry
Bill Whiteman, Treasurer	Josh Melen	
Ashley Melen, Secretary	Marcus Rockwell	

**Ira Volunteer Fire Department
Treasurer's Report
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017**

	2017 Actual	Budget for July 2018 to June 2019
Bank Balance at 12-31-2016	32,868.99	
Revenue:		
Town of Ira	44,901.00	35,257.00
Town of Ira - Reserve Fund for Engine 2	10,000.00	
Corporate Contributions	1,195.00	150.00
Grant Received	8,000.00	
Individual Contribution	70.00	150.00
Dividend - Credit Union of VT	35.00	50.00
Total Revenue	64,201.00	35,607.00
Expenses:		
Loan on Engine 2 - Principal	7,716.43	
Loan on Engine 2 - Interest	452.30	
Firefighter Apparel		600.00
Air Pack Maintenance		700.00
Dues & Memberships	200.00	400.00
Building Maintenance & Repairs	170.00	1,000.00
Electricity	1,100.00	1,200.00
Telephone	373.99	400.00
Building & Vehicle Liability Insurance	4,490.00	4,490.00
Workers Compensation Insurance	1,217.00	1,217.00
Fire Schools	380.00	500.00
Turn Out Gear	3,063.84	5,500.00
Hose Line Fund		2,000.00
New Equipment	2,805.81	1,000.00
Equipment Maintenance	847.65	1,500.00
Vehicle Maintenance	561.05	3,500.00
Vehicle Fuel & Heat	1,822.00	3,700.00
Communications, Dues	1,000.00	2,300.00
Communications, New	1,135.45	2,000.00
Communications, Repair		700.00
Training Expense		2,000.00
Dry Hydrant	6,371.54	
Postage		150.00
Miscellaneous	0.50	400.00
Total Expenses	33,707.56	35,257.00
Revenues in Excess of Expenses	30,493.44	\$ 350.00
Bank Balance at 12-31-2017	63,362.43	
Summary of Bank Balances:		
Checking Account	56,577.35	
Savings Account	6,785.08	
Bank Balance at 12-31-2017	63,362.43	

Respectfully Submitted
William L. Whiteman, Jr.
Treasurer

Note: The Actual column for 2017 is the results of the first 12 months of an 18 month budget that will end on June 30, 2018.

Ira School Board

This past year continued the process of supervisory union consolidation in response to Act 46. During this process, Ira requested to be a stand alone alongside Quarry Valley Unified Union School District (Poultney, West Rutland, Proctor) and Wellspring Unified Union School District (Wells and Middletown Springs), with Rutland Town a stand alone as well. This allows Ira to maintain K-12 school choice. The State Board approved the above plan on August 30, 2017. On October 3, 2017 Ira voters also approved the plan.

A 10 member transitional board has been formed by school board representatives from Wells, Middletown Springs, Poultney, West Rutland, Proctor, Rutland Town, and Ira. The board voted to name the newly formed supervisory union Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union (GRCSU) which will be officially established on July 1, 2018.

Judith Pullinen will complete her one year term as the Superintendent of the existing Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union on June 30, 2017.. Thanks to Judy for seeing us through this period of transition. After consideration, The GRCSU transitional board has opted to offer Dr. Debra Taylor-Young, current Rutland Central Supervisory Union (Rutland Town, Proctor, West Rutland) superintendent, the position of superintendent.

We started the year with Indra Lovko, Tim Martin, and Kathleen White as Ira's school board members. Tim was elected in March 2017. In September 2017 Indra resigned. We are currently 2 board members. Kathleen's term ends in March 2017. And, as of this writing, Indra's seat remains empty. We are in great need of volunteers to consider a seat on the board so that Tim does not sit alone.

Ira Town School District
Superintendent's Report

With the passage of Acts 46 and 49, school boards of the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union (RSWSU) have been undergoing tremendous challenges and change. The past year was devoted to merger activities, including the merger studies and formation of merger plans by all of the districts in the RSWSU. After considering all of the options, each of the four RSWSU towns decided to address the merger possibilities in different ways. The town of Ira decided to remain its own school district and join with other districts in forming a new supervisory union. Middletown Springs and Wells voted to merge into a new school district: Wells Springs Unified Union School District. Poultney School District merged with West Rutland and Proctor School Districts to become Quarry Valley Unified Union School District. Rutland Town School District voted to remain its own school district. All of these new and existing school districts would become part of a new supervisory union, thus dissolving two old supervisory unions, the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union and the Rutland Central Supervisory Union. The merger plan for Ira was approved by the Vermont State Board of Education on August 30 and was approved by Ira voters on October 3.

What does all of this mean for Ira? For Ira residents, this change meets the requirements of Act 46/49 and allows the Ira School Board to continue to operate as its own entity, and that children will continue to have school choice in grades PreK-12. The Ira Town School District will be part of the newly formed Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union (GRCSU), which was also approved by the Vermont State Board of Education on August 30, 2017. The GRCSU will be composed of Wells Springs Unified Union School District, Quarry Valley Unified Union School District, Ira Town School District and Rutland Town School District. It will begin operation on July 1, 2018. The makeup of the 10 member GRCSU Board is as follows: Wells Spring Unified Union School Board, Quarry Valley Unified Union School Board and Rutland Town School Board all have 3 members each and Ira, as a non-operating district, has 1 member.

The GRCSU Board has been meeting since September to develop the new board. This includes hiring all of the staff for the GRCSU, developing budgets for the new supervisory union, creating and approving policies and making many decisions so that the transition will be as smooth as possible. In the meantime, the RSWSU Board has continued to operate to support the Ira, Wells, Middletown and Poultney School Districts. I sometimes jokingly refer to the operation of these two boards working at the same time as "parallel universes". The current RSWSU is making sure that business continues as usual until June 30, while the new board is getting ready to open its doors on July 1.

Finally, I would like to recognize all of the hard work of your school board who have been dedicated to making sure that the students of Ira receive the education of their choice: Kathleen White, Tim Martin, and Indra Lovko. In addition, many thanks and best wishes go to Dr. Joan Paustain, who retired in June after many years of service to the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith Pullinen, Superintendent

Director of Student Support Services Annual Town Report
Submitted for the 2017-2018 School Year
On 12/5/2017

Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union (RSWSU) provides special education programming in accordance with the **Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA)** and the **Vermont Agency of Education Special Education Rules and Regulations**, which ensures that all students with disabilities have available to them a **free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment** that emphasizes special education and related services designed to meet their unique needs and prepare them for further education, employment and independent living.

As of December 1, 2017 our Child Count for special education recognized 117 (Prek-12) eligible students in a multitude of disability categories including Autism, Developmental Delay, Emotional Disturbance, Hard of Hearing, Learning Impaired, Other Health Impaired (such as chronic health impairments, attention deficit or attention deficit with hyperactivity), Specific Learning Disabled, Speech or Language Impaired and Traumatic Brain Injured.

RSWSU provides special education services for identified 3 & 4 year old students along with their regular education peers typically through grade 12, or in some instances through the time the student turns 22.

Beyond direct instruction, many students also need to access related services such as Speech and/or Language instruction, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Counseling. Any one or a combination of services may be necessary to address the needs of the whole child. However, for a very small percentage of our students, specialized instruction may not be enough, and a special day program may be required. Also, on occasion, a student may require a residential treatment facility to meet their needs.

To be legally compliant, each eligible child is provided with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Depending on the need, a student may require any combination of the services detailed above. We are legally required to provide a free and appropriate public education to each student on an IEP and we must do it in the least restrictive environment possible.

Finally, I would like to recognize the efforts of all our Special Educators, Instructional Assistants and Service Providers. They are professional and dedicated to meeting the student's needs. They take their responsibilities with the students very seriously and they consistently exceed expectations. I am very fortunate to have such a wonderful staff at RSWSU.

Sincerely,

Tammy Rescott
Director of Student Support Services
Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union

IRA TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fund Balances	Budget 2016-2017	Actual 2017	2016- 2017	Budget 2017-2018	Budget 2018-2019
Total Revenue	707,300		694,477	686,032	709,586
Total Expenditures	707,300		667,525	686,032	709,586
Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ -	26,952	\$ -	\$ -

REVENUES	Budget 2016-2017	Actual 2017	2016- 2017	Budget 2017-2018	Budget 2018-2019
LOCAL REVENUE					
Prior Year Carryover	63,441		63,441	64,123	26,952
Tax Stabilization Revenue	-		-	-	35,000
Tuition Refund	5,310		2,257	-	
Interest Income	200		179	200	200
SU Assessment Refund	145		145	1,843	-
LOCAL REVENUE	\$ 69,095	\$ -	66,021	\$ 66,167	\$ 62,152
STATE REVENUE					
State Support Grant	609,192		609,193	615,695	641,695
From State to Tech Center	6,836		6,836	4,171	5,740
Block Grant	18,336		12,427	-	-
Intensive	3,840		-	-	-
STATE REVENUE	\$ 638,204	\$ -	628,456	\$ 619,865	\$ 647,435
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 707,300	\$ -	694,477	\$ 686,032	\$ 709,586

EXPENDITURES	Budget 2016-2017	Actual 2017	2016- 2017	Budget 2017-2018	Budget 2018-2019
BOARD OF EDUCATION	5,150		2,673	5,600	5,700
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	30,400		30,400	33,215	35,655
ELEMENTARY REGULAR ED	324,341		329,038	308,118	315,356
SECONDARY REGULAR ED	298,484		272,501	319,246	306,952
SPECIAL ED	37,392		21,382	12,522	35,568
VOCATIONAL	11,531		11,531	7,332	10,356
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 707,300	\$ -	667,525	\$ 686,032	\$ 709,586

Estimated Students & Tuition Rates for Fiscal 2018-2019

<u>School</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Estimated Student Count</u>	<u>Estimated & Budgeted Tutiion Rate</u>	<u>Estimated & Budgeted Total Tuition</u>
West Rutand Elementary	K-6	9	\$ 13,500	\$ 121,500
Clarendon Elementary	K-6	1	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000
Castleton_Hubbardton	K-6	4	\$ 13,390	\$ 53,560
Tinmouth Elementary	K-6	4	\$ 16,000	\$ 64,000
Barstow Elementary	K-6	1	\$ 15,296	\$ 15,296
Wallingford Elementary	K-6	1	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000
New Students - School unknown	K-6	2	\$ 14,500	\$ 29,000
Sub-Total		22	\$ 104,686	\$ 315,356
Mill River H.S	7-12	4	\$ 14,200	\$ 56,800
Proctor HS	7-12	1	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000
Long Trail School	7-12	1	\$ 15,584	\$ 15,584
Burr & Burton	7-12	1	\$ 15,584	\$ 15,584
LiHigh	7-12	1	\$ 15,584	\$ 15,584
West Rutland H.S.	7-12	7	\$ 18,000	\$ 126,000
Rutland Public School	7-12	4	\$ 14,850	\$ 59,400
Sub-Total		19	\$ 111,802	\$ 306,952
Grant Total		41		\$ 622,307

**Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union
GENERAL FUND BUDGET**

	<u>Budget FY17</u>	<u>Actual FY17</u>	<u>Budget FY18</u>	<u>Budget FY19</u>
CENTRAL OFFICE ASSMNT				
Ira	30,400	30,400	33,214	-
Middletown Springs	96,361	96,361	96,765	-
Poultney	292,890	292,890	288,613	-
Wells	112,091	112,091	122,435	-
CENTRAL OFFICE ASSMNT	\$ 531,742	\$ 531,743	\$ 541,026	\$ -
ITN ASSESSMENTS				
Middletown Springs	84,001	50,450	50,491	-
Tinmouth	50,703	17,152	18,040	-
Wells	62,326	62,326	75,458	-
ITN ASSESSMENTS	\$ 197,031	\$ 129,929	\$ 143,990	\$ -
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME				
Miscellaneous Income	-	1,208	-	-
Misc - Fingerprinting	-	515	-	-
Interest Income CB Checki	-	57	-	-
Misc. Billback	-	10,000	-	-
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$ -	\$ 11,779	\$ -	\$ -
SPECIAL ED ASSESSMENT				
Ira	3,330	3,330	3,213	-
Middletown Springs	19,150	19,150	14,460	-
Poultney	67,442	67,442	60,250	-
Wells	24,979	24,979	23,297	-
SPECIAL ED ASSESSMENT	\$ 114,901	\$ 114,901	\$ 101,220	\$ -
SPECIAL ED BILLBACKS				
Special Ed Billbacks	-	346,544	336,482	-
Middletown Springs	54,778	-	-	-
Poultney	197,616	-	-	-
Wells	75,972	-	-	-
SpEd-SVS-BILLBACK	\$ 328,366	\$ 346,544	\$ 336,482	\$ -
EEE ASSESSMENT				
Poultney	81,175	81,175	-	-
EEE ASSESSMENT	\$ 81,175	\$ 81,175	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 1,253,216	\$ 1,216,071	\$ 1,122,718	\$ -

**Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union
GENERAL FUND BUDGET**

	<u>Budget FY17</u>	<u>Actual FY17</u>	<u>Budget FY18</u>	<u>Budget FY19</u>
EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT				
Travel	200	-	-	-
Supplies	200	495	200	-
Dues & Fees	500	-	500	-
EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT	\$ 900	\$ 495	\$ 700	\$ -
TECHNOLOGY				
Tech Crdntr G Styles .40	26,265	27,203	27,729	-
Group Health Insurance	3,179	3,160	2,978	-
Fica & Medi	2,009	2,081	2,121	-
Dental/Eye Care	194	-	194	-
Travel	1,350	699	1,350	-
Supplies-Tech Related	4,000	2,576	4,000	-
Dues & Fees - Spam Filter	4,500	899	4,500	-
TECHNOLOGY	\$ 41,498	\$ 36,618	\$ 42,872	\$ -
ADMINISTRATION				
Admin Asst J Hughes	39,390	40,581	41,594	-
Board Secretary	1,000	900	1,000	-
Group Health Insurance	7,948	7,945	7,444	-
Fica & Medi	3,090	3,091	3,258	-
Municipal Retirement	1,616	1,623	1,664	-
Dental/Eye Care	485	260	485	-
Legal Fees	6,000	29,689	6,000	-
Legal Fees - Special Ed	4,000	-	4,000	-
Repair/Maint Services	2,500	2,158	2,500	-
Insurance	2,500	3,163	2,840	-
Communications	7,000	6,471	7,000	-
Advertising	2,500	2,843	2,500	-
Travel	700	229	700	-
Supplies	4,000	4,259	4,000	-
Dues, Fees, Mtng, Conf	350	170	350	-
ACT 46 Expense	-	4,962	-	-
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 83,078	\$ 108,345	\$ 85,335	\$ -
SUPERINTENDENT				
Superintendent J Paustian	115,960	118,855	118,859	-
Superintendent J Pullinen	-	-	-	-
Buyback	-	-	-	-
Group Health Insurance	15,623	13,962	14,753	-
Fica & Medi	8,871	8,978	9,093	-
Life Insurance	1,240	1,240	1,240	-
Dental/Eye Care	485	485	485	-
Travel	2,250	2,184	2,250	-
Dues, Fees, Mtng, Conf	5,000	4,715	6,500	-
SUPERINTENDENT	\$ 149,429	\$ 150,419	\$ 153,180	\$ -

**Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union
GENERAL FUND BUDGET**

	<u>Budget FY17</u>	<u>Actual FY17</u>	<u>Budget FY18</u>	<u>Budget FY19</u>
FISCAL SERVICES				
Payroll/Bene L Alderman	33,501	34,515	35,378	-
RSWSU Treasurer	1,917	1,954	2,024	-
Business Mgr L Milazzo	75,190	77,446	79,381	-
AP/AR Clerk K Marino	32,547	33,522	34,359	-
Group Health Insurance	36,838	36,828	35,178	-
Fica & Medi	10,951	10,486	11,562	-
Municipal Retirement	5,650	5,891	5,965	-
Workmans Comp	3,497	1,838	3,498	-
Unemployment	504	434	504	-
Dental/Eye Care	1,455	1,426	1,455	-
Prof Svs - Finger Print	-	520	-	-
Audit	6,600	6,600	6,600	-
Repair & Maint Svs	-	-	2,000	-
Repair & Maint - Tech Rel	2,000	2,009	-	-
Travel	2,250	1,578	2,250	-
Supplies	2,000	1,520	2,000	-
Dues, Fees, Mtng, Conf	1,250	1,081	1,250	-
Misc. Expenditures	6,136	-	-	-
FISCAL SERVICES	\$ 222,285	\$ 217,646	\$ 223,403	\$ -
PLANT OPERATIONS & MAINT				
Prof Services - Cleaning	1,500	1,582	1,500	-
Repair & Maintenance	-	96	-	-
Building Rent	32,803	32,803	33,786	-
Supplies	250	65	250	-
PLANT OPERATIONS & MAINT	\$ 34,553	\$ 34,546	\$ 35,536	\$ -
ITN ART PROGRAM				
ITN Art T MacDonald .40	25,533	25,883	26,949	-
Insurance Buyback	825	825	825	-
Fica & Medi	1,953	2,043	2,125	-
Tuition Reimbursement	908	2,109	908	-
Dental/Eye Care	267	-	267	-
Prof Serv - Kelly Service	500	596	500	-
ITN ART PROGRAM	\$ 29,986	\$ 31,457	\$ 31,573	\$ -
ITN PHYSICAL EDUCATION				
Teacher T Tinsley .80	47,850	-	-	-
Group Health Insurance	12,427	-	-	-
Fica & Medi	3,660	-	-	-
Tuition Reimbursement	1,320	-	-	-
Dental/Eye Care	388	-	-	-
TSA Match	957	-	-	-
Prof Serv - Kelly Service	500	-	-	-
ITN PHYSICAL EDUCATION	\$ 67,102	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union
GENERAL FUND BUDGET**

	<u>Budget FY17</u>	<u>Actual FY17</u>	<u>Budget FY18</u>	<u>Budget FY19</u>
ITN MUSIC PROGRAM				
ITN Music M Barron .40	29,012	29,012	29,737	-
BuyBack	-	825	825	-
Fica & Medi	2,219	2,282	2,338	-
Tuition Reimbursement	908	-	908	-
Dental/Eye Care	267	-	267	-
Prof Svcs - Kelly Service	500	-	500	-
ITN MUSIC PROGRAM	\$ 32,906	\$ 32,119	\$ 34,575	\$ -
ITN HEALTH SERVICES				
Nurse A Ridlon .50	22,563	-	-	-
Nurse C Bongartz .50	-	30,000	30,750	-
Insurance Buyback	750	750	750	-
Fica & Medi	1,783	2,352	2,410	-
Tuition Reimbursement	825	-	825	-
Dental/Eye Care	243	-	243	-
OPEB Retirement	-	1,097	1,097	-
Repair & Maintenance	-	115	-	-
Travel	500	-	500	-
Dues & Fees	150	-	150	-
ITN HEALTH SERVICES	\$ 26,813	\$ 34,314	\$ 36,724	\$ -
ITN COUNSELOR				
Counselor N Houde	36,000	35,933	36,831	-
Buy back	1,050	175	1,050	-
Fica & Medi	2,834	2,762	2,898	-
Tuition Reimbursement	-	720	-	-
Dental/Eye Care	340	340	340	-
Dues & Fees	-	295	-	-
ITN COUNSELOR	\$ 40,224	\$ 40,224	\$ 41,118	\$ -
SPECIAL ED ADMINISTRATION				
SpEd Drctr T Rescott .75	56,393	58,084	59,536	-
Admin Asst R Putnam	29,640	-	-	-
Asst K Burchfield .47	-	12,615	13,991	-
Insurance Buyback	2,625	2,550	1,825	-
Fica & Medi	6,782	5,931	5,764	-
Municipal Retirement	1,186	-	-	-
Workmans Comp	7,749	7,144	7,981	-
Unemployment	277	238	285	-
Tuition Reimbursement	1,238	950	1,238	-
Dental/Eye Care	849	485	849	-
Repair & Maintenance	2,000	1,440	2,000	-
Communications	1,350	1,626	2,000	-
Advertising	750	260	750	-
Supplies	500	315	2,500	-
Dues, Fees, Mtng, Conf	750	1,893	2,500	-
Misc. Expenditures	2,814	-	-	-
SPECIAL ED ADMINISTRATION	\$ 114,901	\$ 93,530	\$ 101,220	\$ -

**Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union
GENERAL FUND BUDGET**

	<u>Budget FY17</u>	<u>Actual FY17</u>	<u>Budget FY18</u>	<u>Budget FY19</u>
SPEECH SERVICES				
Speech Services H Weeden	85,932	88,510	90,723	-
Speech Services K Stedman	90,508	93,223	95,554	-
Speech Services K Riley	31,975	31,975	32,774	-
Group Health Insurance	7,767	7,720	7,293	-
Fica & Medi	15,944	15,797	16,757	-
Dental/Eye	243	485	243	-
Misc. Expenditures	8,010	-	-	-
SPEECH SERVICES	\$ 240,378	\$ 237,711	\$ 243,343	\$ -
OT SERVICES - ELEM				
OT Services B Tyler .60	31,812	35,595	34,865	-
Buyback	900	900	900	-
Fica & Medi	2,502	2,657	2,736	-
Dental/Eyecare	291	-	291	-
OT SERVICES - ELEM	\$ 35,505	\$ 39,152	\$ 38,792	\$ -
PT SERVICES - ELEM				
PT M Duffy .80	38,350	52,667	40,488	-
Group Health Benefits	9,374	12,494	8,852	-
Fica & Medi	2,934	3,512	3,097	-
Retirement	1,534	2,107	1,620	-
Dental/Eyecare	291	175	291	-
PT SERVICES - ELEM	\$ 52,482	\$ 70,956	\$ 54,347	\$ -
EEE DIRECT SVS				
Teacher S Kinney .60	38,370	41,970	-	-
IA D Ellis .60	11,908	12,619	-	-
IA EEE D Silvestri (.50)	8,036	-	-	-
IA A Ray .60	-	10,814	-	-
Insurance Buyback	-	1,800	-	-
Group Health Insurance	4,742	3,792	-	-
Fica & Medi	4,461	5,027	-	-
Workmans Comp	477	439	-	-
Unemployment	33	28	-	-
Tuition Reimbursement	990	-	-	-
Dental/Eye Care	291	582	-	-
TSA Match	767	1,083	-	-
Prof Svs - Kelly Services	2,000	690	-	-
Supplies	1,500	665	-	-
Dues & Fees	100	52	-	-
Rentals & Leases	7,500	7,500	-	-
EEE DIRECT SVS	\$ 81,175	\$ 87,062	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,253,215.59	1,214,593.20	1,122,718.39	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	-	1,478	-	-

**Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union
SPECIAL ED BUDGET**

	<u>Budget FY17</u>	<u>Actual FY17</u>	<u>Budget FY18</u>	<u>Budget FY19</u>
SPECIAL ED REVENUE				
VT LEAS Excess Cost	-	-	49,500	-
Ira Special Ed Rev	34,062	18,051	10,295	-
Middletown Springs Sped R	298,480	160,730	69,188	-
Poultney Sped Revenue	920,984	811,878	277,293	-
Wells Sped Revenue	266,278	309,612	134,943	-
Special Ed Block Grant	-	-	292,236	-
Intensive Reimbursement	-	-	506,127	-
Extraordinary Reimburseme	-	-	53,100	-
EEE Preschool Grant	-	-	54,915	-
State Placed Revenue	-	-	18,000	-
SPECIAL ED REVENUE	\$ 1,519,804	\$ 1,300,271	\$ 1,465,597	\$ -
Ira Special				
Ira Special Ed				
Psych Evaluations	1,500	-	-	-
Ira Excess Cost	14,962	15,082	16,800	-
Ira Excess Cost	17,600	2,969	13,500	-
Ira Special Ed	\$ 34,062	\$ 18,051	\$ 30,300	\$ -
Middletown Springs Special Ed				
Direct Instruction				
MSES Teacher - Pettis	45,349	45,349	45,349	-
Insurance	20,824	20,699	19,599	-
Fica & Medi	3,469	3,232	3,469	-
Tuition Reimbursement	-	-	1,500	-
Dental & Eye	500	-	485	-
Prof Svs - Kelly Svs	4,000	3,069	4,000	-
Supplies	800	264	800	-
Books & Periodicals	300	55	300	-
Dues & Fees	500	996	500	-
Professional Services	15,500	-	4,000	-
Speech Services	36,057	17,385	29,056	-
Supplies	300	-	300	-
OT Services	5,606	4,409	6,465	-
PT Services	7,497	5,077	9,881	-
Excess Cost	148,778	60,195	84,650	-
Professional Services	9,000	-	-	-
Middletown Springs Special Ed	\$ 298,480	\$ 160,730	\$ 210,354	\$ -
Wells Special Ed				
Direct Instruction				
Wells Teacher - Grossarth	56,956	58,249	58,249	-
Teacher K Loomis	-	-	44,979	-
Insurance	15,623	15,441	29,170	-
Fica & Medi	4,357	4,282	7,897	-
Tuition Reimbursement	1,500	-	3,000	-
Dental & Eye	550	465	1,100	-
Prof Svs - Kelly Svs	10,000	8,730	7,000	-
Equipment Repair	250	-	250	-
Advertising	250	-	250	-
Travel	100	-	100	-
Supplies	1,500	508	1,500	-
Dues & Fees	500	411	500	-

**Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union
SPECIAL ED BUDGET**

	<u>Budget FY17</u>	<u>Actual FY17</u>	<u>Budget FY18</u>	<u>Budget FY19</u>
Summer School	1,000	865	1,000	-
Fica & Medi	77	64	150	-
Professional Services	18,500	-	5,000	-
Speech Services	45,071	52,156	54,480	-
Supplies	750	64	750	-
OT Services	6,540	11,023	11,314	-
PT Services	18,744	20,306	14,822	-
Psych services	7,500	-	-	-
Excess Cost	76,510	133,695	119,150	-
Special Ed Transportation	-	3,354	-	-
Wells Special Ed	\$ 266,278	\$ 309,612	\$ 360,661	\$ -

Poultney Elementary Special Ed

Direct Instruction				
PES Teacher - Thompson-Du	43,949	43,949	43,949	-
PES Teacher Pyenta	39,970	-	-	-
PES Teacher S Kinney .40	25,580	27,980	25,580	-
PES Teacher - Pease	47,684	47,684	48,974	-
Subs	-	1,500	-	-
Insurance	52,710	33,962	30,364	-
Fica & Medi	12,025	9,127	9,065	-
Tuition Reimbursement	6,000	1,450	6,000	-
Dental & Eye	1,649	565	1,164	-
TSA Match	512	509	512	-
Prof Svs - Kelly Svs	25,000	21,515	25,000	-
Professional Services	3,580	3,750	4,000	-
Advertising	-	-	-	-
Excess Cost	9,150	117,654	124,000	-
Supplies	1,500	1,866	1,500	-
Books & Periodicals	1,500	1,029	1,500	-
Dues & Fees	500	468	500	-
Misc. Expenditures	(60,570)	-	5,626	-
Summer School	3,100	3,765	2,000	-
Fica & Medi	237	288	153	-
Prof Services	18,900	10,436	19,000	-
Evaluations	37,500	5,325	-	-
Speech Services	111,177	118,800	101,696	-
Supplies	500	-	500	-
OT Services	15,884	16,534	12,931	-
PT Services	13,121	10,153	9,881	-
Transportation	-	44,230	35,000	-
Poultney Elementary Special Ed	\$ 411,157	\$ 522,539	\$ 508,895	\$ -

Poultney High School Special Ed

Direct Instruction				
PHS Teacher - Chase	43,772	43,772	45,062	-
PHS Teacher - Kerber	45,150	45,150	45,150	-
PHS Teacher - Coloutti	46,395	46,395	46,395	-
PHS Teacher - Burch	47,728	-	-	-
New Hire (.50 FTE)	-	-	22,490	-
Buyback	1,500	3,000	3,000	-
Insurance	44,260	15,441	18,265	-
Fica & Medi	14,118	10,407	12,400	-

**Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union
SPECIAL ED BUDGET**

	<u>Budget FY17</u>	<u>Actual FY17</u>	<u>Budget FY18</u>	<u>Budget FY19</u>
Tuition Reimbursement	6,000	-	6,000	-
Dental & Eye	1,940	970	1,698	-
Prof Svs - Kelly Svs	25,000	10,022	25,000	-
Travel	250	-	250	-
Excess Cost	60,400	6,917	19,500	-
Supplies	2,500	2,729	2,500	-
Books & Periodicals	3,000	2,246	3,000	-
Dues & Fees	500	890	500	-
Summer School	500	-	500	-
Fica & Medi	38	-	38	-
Clinician R Osborn .50	32,557	32,557	32,557	-
Insurance	3,951	3,951	3,680	-
Fica & Medi	2,491	2,491	2,491	-
Dental & Eyecrae	243	-	243	-
Annuity	651	-	-	-
Professional Services	37,500	8,400	-	-
Speech Services	48,076	49,258	58,112	-
OT Services	934	2,205	1,616	-
PT Services	1,874	2,538	4,941	-
Transportation	38,500	-	-	-
Poultney High School Special Ed	\$ 509,827	\$ 289,340	\$ 355,387	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,519,804	\$ 1,300,271	\$ 1,465,597	\$ -
FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

District: **Ira**
County: **Rutland**

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Greater Rutland County

Property dollar equivalent yield **9,842**
Homestead tax rate per \$9,842 of spending per equalized pupil **1.00**
Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income **11,862**

		FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	
Expenditures						
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$746,021	\$707,300	\$686,032	\$709,586	1.
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	2.
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	3.
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$746,021	\$707,300	\$686,032	\$709,586	4.
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	5.
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-	6.
7.	Total Budget	\$746,021	\$707,300	\$686,032	\$709,586	7.
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	8.
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	9.
Revenues						
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$76,848	\$91,271	\$66,166	\$62,152	10.
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-	11.
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	12.
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$76,848	\$91,271	\$66,166	\$62,152	13.
14.	Education Spending	\$669,173	\$616,029	\$619,866	\$647,434	14.
15.	Equalized Pupils	64.03	61.79	55.61	44.49	15.
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil		\$10,450.93	\$9,969.72	\$11,146.66	\$14,552.35	
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-	17.
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	18.
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	19.
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	20.
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	21.
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt	-	22.
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	23.
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	24.
25.	plus Excess spending threshold	\$17,103.00	NA	\$17,386.00	\$17,816.00	25.
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-	26.
27.	plus Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$10,451	\$9,970	\$11,147	\$14,552.35	27.
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	110.487% <small>based on \$9,285</small>	102.770% <small>based on \$9,701</small>	109.711% <small>based on yield \$10,160</small>	147.860% <small>based on yield \$9,842</small>	28.
Prorating the local tax rate						
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$14,552.35 ÷ (\$9,842.00 / \$1.000)]	\$1.0938 <small>based on \$0.99</small>	\$1.0277 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	\$1.0971 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	\$1.4786 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	29.
30.	Percent of Ira equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	30.
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.48)	\$1.0938	\$1.0277	\$1.0971	\$1.4786	31.
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	100.41%	102.69%	101.04%	104.13%	32.
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.4786 / 104.13%)	\$1.0893 <small>based on \$0.99</small>	\$1.0008 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	\$1.0858 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	\$1.4200 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	33.
<p>If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.</p>						
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$14,552.35 ÷ \$11,862) x 0.00%]	1.99% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	2.00% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	2.00% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	- <small>based on 0.00%</small>	34.
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 0.00%)	1.99% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	2.00% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	2.00% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	- <small>based on 0.00%</small>	35.
36.		-	-	-	-	36.
37.		-	-	-	-	37.

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$9,842 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,862 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.629. **New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.**

- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.

- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

**Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union
FY19 Budget-Final**

Function	Description	FY18 Combined SU General		FY19 General Fund Budget	Difference (FY19-FY18)		
		Fund Budget					
Revenue							
	Misc. Revenue	\$	25,000.00	\$	20,000.00	\$	(5,000.00)
Total Revenue		\$	25,000.00	\$	20,000.00	\$	(5,000.00)
Curriculum							
	Wages (4.0 FTE)	\$	51,658.00	\$	53,207.95	\$	1,549.95
	Health Insurance	\$	11,122.72	\$	10,273.93	\$	(848.79)
	Dental Insurance	\$	275.09	\$	281.05	\$	5.96
	Disability	\$	198.88	\$	204.85	\$	5.97
	FICA	\$	3,951.84	\$	4,070.41	\$	118.57
	Life Insurance	\$	102.30	\$	102.30	\$	-
	Retirement	\$	1,100.00	\$	1,064.16	\$	(35.84)
	Tuition Reimbursement	\$	2,376.99	\$	-	\$	(2,376.99)
	Repairs & Maintenance	\$	-	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00
	Travel	\$	1,650.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	350.00
	Supplies	\$	1,575.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	425.00
	Dues & Fees	\$	500.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	500.00
Curriculum Total		\$	74,510.82	\$	75,204.64	\$	693.82
Technology							
	Wages (5.0 FTE)	\$	326,375.61	\$	285,513.73	\$	(40,861.88)
	Health Insurance	\$	73,009.61	\$	62,197.54	\$	(10,812.07)
	Dental Insurance	\$	3,162.00	\$	2,555.00	\$	(607.00)
	Disability	\$	829.02	\$	1,099.23	\$	270.21
	FICA	\$	24,967.60	\$	21,841.80	\$	(3,125.80)
	Life Insurance	\$	437.00	\$	558.00	\$	121.00
	Retirement	\$	11,020.59	\$	17,503.25	\$	6,482.66
	Tuition Reimbursement	\$	3,454.10	\$	-	\$	(3,454.10)
	Professional Services	\$	7,000.00	\$	7,000.00	\$	-
	Repairs & Maintenance	\$	-	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00
	Communications	\$	1,610.00	\$	960.00	\$	(650.00)
	Travel	\$	8,300.00	\$	9,000.00	\$	700.00
	Supplies	\$	5,800.00	\$	5,800.00	\$	-
	Software	\$	200.00	\$	200.00	\$	-
	Equipment	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	-
	Dues & Fees	\$	4,500.00	\$	4,500.00	\$	-
Technology Total		\$	472,165.53	\$	423,228.54	\$	(48,936.98)
Administration							
	Wages (2.0 FTE)	\$	330,678.99	\$	177,214.84	\$	(153,464.15)
	Health Insurance	\$	63,543.00	\$	37,359.74	\$	(26,183.26)
	Dental Insurance	\$	2,909.00	\$	1,432.00	\$	(1,477.00)
	Disability	\$	648.00	\$	682.28	\$	34.28
	FICA	\$	25,297.15	\$	13,556.94	\$	(11,740.21)
	Life Insurance	\$	1,891.00	\$	651.00	\$	(1,240.00)
	Retirement	\$	7,968.76	\$	5,055.22	\$	(2,913.54)
	Workers Comp	\$	7,570.45	\$	9,078.31	\$	1,507.86
	Unemployment	\$	720.03	\$	2,328.00	\$	1,607.97
	Tuition Reimbursement	\$	2,500.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	2,500.00

**Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union
FY19 Budget-Final**

Function	Description	FY18 Combined SU General		FY19 General Fund Budget	Difference (FY19-FY18)		
		Fund Budget					
	Professional Services	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	-
	Legal Fees	\$	7,000.00	\$	3,500.00	\$	(3,500.00)
	Legal Fees - Special Ed	\$	4,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	(2,000.00)
	Repairs & Maintenance	\$	2,500.00	\$	-	\$	(2,500.00)
	Insurance	\$	8,140.08	\$	8,200.00	\$	59.92
	Communications	\$	23,311.00	\$	25,000.00	\$	1,689.00
	Advertising	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	-
	Travel	\$	11,950.00	\$	10,000.00	\$	(1,950.00)
	Supplies	\$	13,150.00	\$	14,400.00	\$	1,250.00
	Dues & Fees	\$	11,600.00	\$	12,250.00	\$	650.00
Administration Total		\$	529,377.46	\$	331,708.33	\$	(197,669.13)

Fiscal Services

	Wages (7.0 FTE)	\$	353,750.90	\$	391,894.84	\$	38,143.94
	Insurance Buyback	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
	Health Insurance	\$	84,265.00	\$	84,882.24	\$	617.24
	Dental Insurance	\$	2,940.00	\$	3,577.00	\$	637.00
	Disability	\$	780.00	\$	1,508.80	\$	728.80
	FICA	\$	27,062.35	\$	29,979.95	\$	2,917.60
	Life Insurance	\$	451.00	\$	744.00	\$	293.00
	Retirement	\$	18,755.70	\$	25,151.66	\$	6,395.96
	Tuition Reimbursement	\$	1,200.00	\$	-	\$	(1,200.00)
	Professional Services	\$	18,000.00	\$	23,390.00	\$	5,390.00
	Audit	\$	26,100.00	\$	26,883.00	\$	783.00
	Repairs & Maintenance	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	-
	Travel	\$	4,750.00	\$	4,750.00	\$	-
	Supplies	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	-
	Dues & Fees	\$	1,550.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	450.00
Fiscal Services Total		\$	543,604.95	\$	598,761.48	\$	55,156.53

Plant Operations

	Professional Services	\$	9,500.00	\$	8,000.00	\$	(1,500.00)
	Rent	\$	92,343.06	\$	63,921.00	\$	(28,422.06)
	Supplies	\$	250.00	\$	250.00	\$	-
	Electricity	\$	6,800.00	\$	7,000.00	\$	200.00
Plant Operations Total		\$	108,893.06	\$	79,171.00	\$	(29,722.06)

Central Office Expenditures	1,728,552	1,508,074	(220,478)
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Total Central Office Assessment	1,703,552	1,488,074	(215,478)
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District	FY18 Combined Assessment	FY19 Assessment	Difference (FY19-FY18)	Assessment % of Overall FY18 Budget
Quarry Valley	986,963	852,016	(134,947)	4.96%
Wells Springs	219,200	221,726	2,526	4.97%
Rutland Town	349,175	378,677	29,502	4.90%
Ira	33,214	35,655	2,441	5.20%
	1,588,552	1,488,074	(100,478)	

GRCSU Special Education Approved FY19 Budget		
11/15/2017 -- Approved		
	K-12	EEE
Teacher Salaries	1,287,947.00	111,470.58
Aide Salaries	944,481.36	97,944.94
Employee Benefits	858,280.00	88,174.00
Purchased Services	315,443.58	0.00
Tuition	657,887.00	0.00
Excess Cost	353,792.00	0.00
Supplies and Materials	25,000.00	4,000.00
Equipment	0.00	7,000.00
Psychological Service	88,102.91	0.00
Speech Pathology	464,170.00	125,896.36
Occupational Therapy	152,125.00	13,930.98
Other Support Services	132,434.27	22,312.09
Support Services-Instructional Staff	2,500.00	245.90
Special Ed Administration		4,236.00
Student Transportation	73,898.00	0.00
Total Expenditures	5,356,061.12	475,210.85
Total Special Education Expenditures	5,831,271.97	
Total Special Education Revenues	3,361,221.00	
Net Special Education Assessment	2,470,050.97	

	FY18 Net Cost	FY19 Proposed	Difference (FY19-FY18)
Rutland Town	485,017.00	541,929.18	56,912.18
Quarry Valley	1,526,667.00	1,483,759.62	(42,907.38)
Wells Springs	393,873.00	408,793.44	14,920.44
Ira	12,523.00	35,568.73	23,045.73
	<u>2,418,080.00</u>	<u>2,470,050.97</u>	<u>51,970.97</u>

CHILD FIND NOTICE

The Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union and each of the member school districts (Ira, Middletown Springs, Poultney, and Wells) 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
Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union
168 York Street
Poultney, Vermont 05764
Tel: 287-5286

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 multi-disciplinary 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 Rutland Southwest 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 person(s) have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the specified school district's non-discrimination policies:

Poultney School District:

Kristen Caliguiri, Principal PES, 96 School Circle, Poultney, VT 05764 Tel: 287-5212
Joe DeBonis, Jr, Principal PHS, 154 East Main Street, Poultney, VT 05764 Tel: 287-5861

Middletown Springs School District:

Rick Beal, Principal, 15 Schoolhouse Road, Middletown Springs, VT Tel: 235-2365

Wells School District:

Lisa Mattison, Principal, 36 MWA Loop, Wells, VT Tel: 645-0386

Additional inquiries regarding the provisions of the federal law related to children or adults with handicapping conditions or disabilities impacting the Rutland Southwest 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, Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union, 168 York Street, Poultney, VT 05764, Tel: 802-287-5286.

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

March 5 and March 6, 2018

The legal voters of the Ira Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Ira Town Hall in said Town at seven o'clock in the evening on Monday, March 5, 2018, to act on the articles 1 - 3 from the floor and to recess to Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 10:00AM (polls open) through 7:00PM (polls close) to act on articles 4 and 5 by Australian Ballot at the Ira Town Office:

March 5, 2018

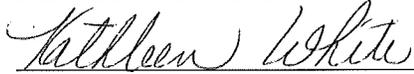
- Article 1. To hear the reports of the School Board and other District officials and act thereon.
- Article 2. School Budget: Shall the voters of the Ira School District approve the school board to expend \$709,586.39, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?
It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$14,552.00 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 30% higher than spending for the current year.
- Article 3. To transact any other lawful business that comes before the meeting.

March 6, 2018

- Article 4. To elect a moderator for a term of one (1) year.
- Article 5. To elect a school director for a term of three (3) years.
To elect a school director to complete the balance of one year of a (3) year term.

Dated at Ira, Vermont, January 26, 2018.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

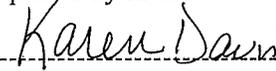


Kathleen White, Chair



Tim Martin, Clerk

A true copy, Attested and duly recorded
as required by law.



Town Clerk

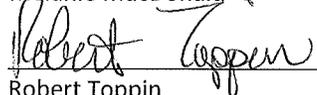
WARNING
Town of Ira,
Vermont

The legal voters of the Town of Ira, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Ira Town Hall on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7:30 pm for an informational hearing and to act on Articles 2 -13, and to meet again at the Town Office, on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 between 10:00 am and 7:00 pm, to act on Article 1 by Australian Ballot.

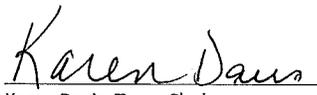
Article 1.	To Elect Town Officers as required by State statute
Article 2.	To act on the reports of the Town Officers
Article 3.	Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes to the Town Treasurer on or before October 23, 2018?
Article 4.	Shall the voters authorize the total expenditure of \$249,103 for the Town General Fund and Highway Fund for the fiscal year 7/1/18-6/30/19, for which \$187,203 will be raised by taxes and \$61,900 shall be from non-tax revenue?
Article 5.	Shall the voters appropriate \$7,645.60 to be raised by taxes for the Rutland County Sheriff's Department, in addition to \$12,000 included in the Town General Fund expenditures in Article 4 above for a total of \$19,645.60?
Article 6.	Shall the voters appropriate \$35,257 to be raised by taxes for the support of the Ira Volunteer Fire Department to provide services to the residents of Ira?
Article 7.	Shall the voters appropriate \$2,925 to be raised by taxes for the support of the Rutland Free Library to provide services to residents of Ira?
Article 8.	Shall the voters appropriate \$973 to be raised by taxes for the support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice to provide services to residents of the town?
Article 9.	Shall the voters appropriate \$300 to be raised by taxes for support of Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging to provide elder services to residents of the Town?
Article 10.	Shall the voters appropriate \$286 to be raised by taxes for the support of Rutland Mental Health Services so that these services can be maintained?
Article 11.	Shall the voters appropriate \$375 to be raised by taxes to support The RSVP & The Volunteer Center in 2018 (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program)?
Article 12.	Shall the voters appropriate \$250 to be raised by taxes to support BROCC – Community Action in Southwestern Vermont in 2018-2019?
Article 13.	To transact any other legal and proper business to come before this meeting.

Dated: January 26, 2018


 Steve Martelle, Chair

 Melanie MacDonald

 Robert Toppin

Received and recorded this 26th day of January, 2018


 Karen Davis, Town Clerk

Voter Information

REGISTER TO VOTE

Beginning January 1, 2017, eligible persons were able to register to vote on any day up to and including the day of election. Registration is available during all normal business hours of your town clerk's office on days preceding the election and during polling hours on election day. 17 V.S.A § 2144.

Last year, Secretary of State Jim Condos announced the launch of VT's new Elections Management Platform. This streamlined the elections administration process, providing voters with greater access to voter specific information. Over 25,000 Vermonters registered to vote online in 2016. For the November General Election, nearly 6,500 Vermonters requested an absentee ballot through the My Voter Page.

By using the My Voter Page, a registered voter can:

- Check registration status;
- View information on upcoming elections;
- Access voter specific elections information, including directions to a polling place and polling hours;
- View a sample ballot;
- Request and track an absentee ballot;
- and much more.

We encourage voters to log into their My Voter Page to learn more.

Registered Voters can log in at: <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>

Online registration can be found at: <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us>

EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Any registered voter that cannot make it to the polling place on voting day can request an Early or Absentee Ballot.

A voter can request an Early or Absentee Voter Ballot for him/herself by phone, in writing or in person at the Town Clerk's office. Requests made by phone or in writing will be mailed to the voter. A voter requesting an early or absentee ballot in person may vote at that time or take the ballot with them and return the ballot by mail or in person before the close of the polls on Election Day.

A family member can request an Early or Absentee Voter Ballot for a member of their family by phone, in writing or in person at the Town Clerk's office. Family members include: person's spouse, children, brothers, sisters, parents, spouse's parents, grandparents, and spouse's grandparents. The requested ballot will be mailed to the voter. (NOTE: A voter can only pick up his or her own ballot from the Clerk's office.)

All early or absentee ballots must be returned to the Town Clerk's office by person or by mail and must be received before the polls close at 7:00 pm on Election Day.

If you are ill or disabled two Justices of the Peace can deliver the ballot to you. Request must be made by 5:00 pm on the day before the election. The Justices of the Peace will bring the ballot back to the Town Clerk's office or polling place so it can be placed in the ballot box and counted.

Town Officers

Position	Officer	Year Elected	Term	Term Ends
Auditors	Tina Graves	March 2015	3 Year	2018
	Jerri Hoffman	March 2017	3 Year	2020
	Bill Whiteman	March 2016	3 Year	2019
Delinquent Tax Collector	Deborah Perry	March 2017	1 Year	2018
First Constable	Mike Ryan	March 2016	2 Year	2018
Grand Juror	Tim Martin	March 2017	1 Year	2018
Listers	Karen Davis	March 2016	3 Year	2019
	Nathan Hewitt	March 2017	3 Year	2020
	James Genovesi	Appointed April 2017 to complete 3 rd year of 3 year term	3 Year	2018
Moderator (Town & School)	Timothy Martin	March 2017	1 Year	2018
School Directors	vacant	March 2016	3 Year	2019
	Kathleen White	March 2017 to complete 3 rd year of 3 year term	3 Year	2018
	Timothy Martin	March 2017	3 Year	2020
Second Constable	Fran Lloyd	March 2016	2 Year	2018
Select Board	Steven Martelle	March 2016	3 Year	2019
	Robert Toppin	March 2016 to complete 2 yrs. of 3 year term	3 year	2018
	Melanie MacDonald	March 2017	3 Year	2020
Town Agent	Larry Taggart	March 2017	1 Year	2018
Town Clerk	Karen Davis	March 2015	3 Year	2018
Treasurer	Deborah Perry	March 2015	3 Year	2018
Justices	Mary Ann Black	November 2016	2 Year	2019
	Donald Berg	November 2016	2 Year	2019
	Alta Johnston	November 2016	2 Year	2019
	Larry Taggart	November 2016	2 Year	2019
	Bob Toppin	November 2016	2 Year	2019

Appointed Officers

Assistant Town Clerk	Alta Johnston Christine Tyminski
Assistant Treasurer	Donald Berg
Health Officer	Larry Taggart
Fire Warden	Tim Perry
Cemetery Committee	Nathan Hewitt Jean-Marie Raiche Barbara Favreau Christina Hewitt
Planning Commission	Tim Martin Bob Kirbach Bob Kulig Bob Toppin

**Town of Ira
53 West Road
Ira, VT 05777**