

2018 Annual Report



Town of Ira, Vermont

July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

Robert Toppin

This year's Town Report is dedicated to Robert (Bob) Toppin.

Bob located to Ira in 1977. Upon his arrival he soon became involved in the Ira Community.

Bob has been active for many years with the Ira Volunteer Fire Department serving as Fire Chief for a period of time. He was a member of the committee for the construction of the Town Office. He presently is a member of the Planning Commission, the Friends of the Ira Town Hall. He is a Justice of the Peace and currently a member of the Ira Select Board. Bob was instrumental in the painting of the Ira Center School. He has made sure that the lights are on the tree at the annual tree lighting at the Town Hall. These are some of the contributions Bob has made to our community.

Bob is a graduate of UVM with a degree in Forestry. He has used his education in forestry all of his adult life. He was a forester for Rutland Plywood for many years.

In 1979 he married Anita Piro. Two children were born to the couple. Elizabeth (Betsy) and Alex. Anita's passing in 2015 after a courageous battle with cancer was devastating to the family and all who know her.

Bob's life in Ira has been a very full and rewarding one.

Thank you Bob for all of your time and caring in make Ira a better place in which to live.

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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

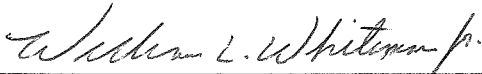
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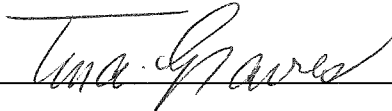
AUDITORS' REPORT 2018

We have examined the financial records for the Town of Ira for the year ending June 30, 2018. 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, 2018.


Dated November 13, 2018 at the Town of Ira.



William Whiteman, Jr



Tina Graves



Christine Tyminski

Treasurer's Financial Statements

STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCES		
AS OF JUNE 30, 2018		
General Operating – Merchants	\$	201,503.18
Petty Cash		300.00
Money Market – Merchants		
Building Reserve	\$	35,000.00
Cemetery Fund		35,405.28
Professional Audit Reserve		13,500.00
Reappraisal Reserve		27,543.33
Garage Building Fund		40,000.00
Money Market – Merchants–Other		57,749.34
Total Money Market – Merchants	\$	209,197.95
Equipment Savings		47,722.14
George Putnam Fund		5,561.26
Total Cash Balances	\$	464,284.53

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

Ira Riverside Cemetery		
Operating Statement – July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018		
Revenue		
Lot Sales & Contributions	\$	4,700.00
Gain/Loss on Investment		726.24
Transfer from Town		1,000.00
Total Revenue	\$	6,426.24
Expenditures		
Repairs & Maintenance	\$	586.38
Grave & Related Expenses		1,319.09
Cemetery Wages		1,900.00
Payroll Taxes		145.35
Total Expenditures	\$	3,950.82
	\$	2,475.42

TOWN OF IRA
STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND
REVENUES & EXPENDITURES - CASH BASIS
July 1, 2017- June 30, 2018

REVENUES		
CURRENT TAXES GENERAL FUND	\$	142,039.98
CURRENT TAXES HIGHWAY FUND		141,000.00
SCHOOL PROPERTY TAXES		467,719.54 *
MUNICIPAL TAX ADJUSTMENT		7,175.50
DELINQUENT TAX REVENUE		24,951.20
DELINQUENT TAX INTEREST		1,317.32
CURRENT USE		28,580.29
DOG LICENSES		176.00
BANK INTEREST		64.51
USE OF TOWN HALL		150.00
CIVIL FINES		2,772.34
FISH & GAME NATURAL RESOURCE/PILOT		7,590.85
MISC. OTHER REVENUE		66.24
OVERWEIGHT PERMITS		115.00
STATE AID TO BACK ROADS		11,324.06
HIGHWAY GRANTS		17,633.78
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$</u>	852,676.61
GENERAL EXPENDITURES		
SELECTMEN SALARY	\$	2,700.00
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SALARY		2,000.00
HEALTH OFFICER		200.00
AUDITORS SALARY		600.00
PAYROLL TAXES		2,841.38
CONSULANTS/TAX MAPS		718.00
RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION		925.00
EDUCATION SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS		55.00
POSTAGE		580.22
PHOTOCOPIER		1,947.00
ADVERTISING NOTICES/HEARINGS		163.95
VLCT		1,420.00
RUTLAND COUNTY TAX		3,580.61
REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE		1,728.00
INSURANCE LIABILITY		6,930.00
INSURANCE WORKERS COMP		3,802.00
TOWN OFFICE SUPPLIES		954.56
COMPUTER SOFTWARE/HARDWARE		3,087.99
TOWN REPORT		660.00
ELECTIONS		540.00
TRANSFER TO PROFESSIONAL AUDIT RESERVE		1,500.00
TRANSFER TO COMETERY FUND		1,000.00
IVFD TRUCK COMMITMENT		10,000.00
TOWN OFFICE MORTGAGE		16,150.00
MISCELLANEOUS		50.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY		8,000.00
LISTERS SALARY		1,800.00
CONSULTANT		1,750.00
TREASURER SALARY		8,000.00
CONSTABLE SALARY		200.00
LAW ENFORCEMENT		6,937.40
TOWN OFFICE ELECTRIC		898.65
TOWN OFFICE HEAT		1,184.34
TOWN OFFICE TELEPHONE		1,904.63
TOWN OFFICE REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE		1,795.82
TOWN OFFICE LAWN MOWING		1,170.00
TOWN OFFICE CLEANING		918.83
TOWN HALL ELECTRIC		548.80
TOWN HALL HEAT		1,310.39
TOWN HALL TELEPHONE		499.89
TOWN HALL REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE		14,553.73
TOWN HALL LAWN MOWING		1,040.00
TOWN HALL CLEANING		384.00
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$</u>	117,030.19

TOWN OF IRA
STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND
REVENUES & EXPENDITURES - CASH BASIS
July 1, 2017- June 30, 2018

ARTICLES			
RUTLAND SHERIFF			
IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT	\$	44,901.00	
RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY		2757.00	
RAVNAH & HOSPICE		973.00	
SOUTHWESTERN VT COUNCIL		300.00	
RUTLAND MENTAL HEALTH		286.00	
RSVP & VOLUNTEER CTR		375.00	
BROC-Community Action		300.00	
TOTAL ARTICLES		<u>49,892.00</u>	\$ 49,892.00
HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES	\$	14,555.00	
PAYROLL TAXES		1,079.23	
LABOR FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE		5,205.00	
ROADSIDE MOWING		1,200.00	
WINTER SAND		6,193.13	
GRAVEL		7,776.61	
WINTER SALT		4,569.97	
CHLORIDE		424.99	
CULVERTS & INSTALLATION		7,579.88	
DITCHING		6,945.00	
GRADING		2,020.00	
EQUIPMENT RENTAL		1,010.00	
SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		311.69	
TRUCKING WINTER SAND/SALT		3,500.00	
DIESEL FUEL FOR EQUIPMENT		3,120.91	
TRUCK MAINTENANCE		6,588.45	
GRADER MAINTENANCE		1,437.91	
BACKHOE MAINTENANCE		780.02	
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL FUND		15,000.00	
TOWN GARAGE ELECTRIC		699.95	
TOWN GARAGE HEAT		405.73	
TOWN GARAGE REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE		1,342.88	
TOWN GARAGE MISCELLANEOUS		14.00	
GRANT EXPENSES		22,042.23	
TOWN HIGHWAY		<u>113,802.58</u>	\$ 113,802.58
TRANSFER TO SCHOOL DISTRICT		<u>467,719.54</u>	\$ 467,719.54 *
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u>748,444.31</u>	\$ 748,444.31
GENERAL FUND SURPLUS			
HIGHWAY FUND SURPLUS		47,962.04	
TOTAL SURPLUS		<u>56,270.26</u>	
		<u>104,232.30</u>	

* School taxes transferred to School District

Select Board Report

The select board once again had another busy year in 2018. Grant work was done on Cross Rd. and Birdseye Road. This work involved ditching. This will help to prevent erosion. Some of the ditches were lined with rip rap. This will help to hold the ditches in place. Several culverts were also replaced. We have applied for another grant to replace another culvert and do more ditching on several other road segments. Manufactured sand is now being mixed with the sand and salt mix that is spread on the winter roads. This should help with winter road driving conditions and is easier on the spreader on the town truck.

A committee is in the progress of studying the benefits of building a municipal building to serve as the Town Garage, Salt Shed, and Fire Department.

Much work was done on the Town Hall. Conner restorations repointed the brick work. The Friends of the Town Hall are raising money to help cover more work that needs to be done. A lot of effort has been put in by these volunteers. Thank you! And thank you to the people who have donated to this cause. The gardens look fantastic thanks to the many volunteers who work to keep them up. For many the Town Hall brings back memories of past days chicken dinners, school plays, grange meetings, and many other events which brought the community together.

The Fire Department is also in the process of having a group of first responders. They will not replace regional ambulance, but there is a peace of mind knowing that immediate help may be closer. Thank You to the ones committing their time to taking the first responder course and to the members of the Fire Dept. They voluntarily commit a lot of their own time.

Ira still has school choice! Thank you to the efforts of the school board.

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

The select board meets at 5:00 on the 4th Monday of the month, unless otherwise posted. Your input would be helpful and appreciated. For more information view the meeting minutes posted on the Town website: townofira.com.

Steve Martelle, Chair
Robert Toppin
Nathan Hewitt

Town Clerk Report

The Town Office continues to serve the community by offering motor vehicle registration renewals, Fish and Wildlife licenses, copies of vital records, marriage licenses, Green Mountain Passport, and free notary services.

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 unsprayed/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 86 dogs licensed in fiscal year 18 for revenue of \$176.00 for the town. Licenses will be available on Town Voting Day, March 5, 2019 during voting 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 held 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 (235-2745) 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

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT – December 31, 2018

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Total Due</u>
Angier, Danielle	2017	\$ 314.72
Bullock, Barbara	2018	5549.75
Czarnecki, Paul & Karen	2018	2292.61
Dunbar, Christopher	2017	841.79
Dydo, Randy & Elaine	2018	1738.50
Haynes, Jason	2018	2124.75
Hebert, Pamela C	2018	144.05
Lee, David	2018	4121.94
Macabee, Pamela	2017	911.07
	2018	627.33
North Meadows, Inc.	2013	13.98
	2014	14.78
	2015	14.20
	2016	14.02
	2017	15.51
	2018	14.27
Notte, Albert	2018	1438.81
Perry, Ralph H J. & Daniel & Timothy	2018	385.20
Prescott, Neal W	2013	179.81
	2014	190.05
	2015	182.64
	2016	180.33
	2017	199.47
	2018	183.43
Sumner, Lori & Kelton	2018	1035.55
Wragg, Cynthia	2017	108.81
	2018	350.00
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		\$23,187.37

Regional Ambulance Service

Regional Ambulance was formed 35 years ago to provide emergency ambulance services to its member towns. Ira joined the ambulance service at its inception. Regional Ambulance Service responded to 19 calls in Ira during 2018.

The Ambulance Service offers monthly CPR classes, lectures, tours, 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.

Vital Statistics

Births			
Name	Gender	Date of Birth	Parents
Callee May Martelle	F	April 30, 2018	Lauren & Jeremy Martelle
Arianna Terri Petrie	F	August 28, 2018	Elizabeth Magoon & Adam Petrie
Ronin Thomas Black	M	September 29, 2018	Amanda Black
Brinley Anne Gaura	F	October 3, 2018	Heather Gaura

Marriages			
Name	Name	Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage
Samantha Yendell	Mackenzie Dunn	July 8, 2018	Tinmouth
Adam Petrie	Elizabeth Magoon	July 22, 2018	Hardwick
Brianna Mayhew	Nicholas Cupoli	September 29, 2018	Wallingford

Deaths			
Name	Age	Date of Death	
Christopher M Slack	61	April 8, 2018	
Harland W Cashman	96	June 17, 2018	
Carol Ann Berg	74	September 6, 2018	

Burials		
Name	Date of Burial	
Luise Pietryka	April 13, 2018	
Gladys McCaffrey	July 7, 2018	

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 96 years old in May of 2018.

Past Recipients

Carrie Perry
Stewart Lincoln

Ruth Johnson
Bessie Berg

Harry Berg
Enid DeDoming

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 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 the Town Clerk or Alta Johnson to make arrangements.
 8. Refer to the terms and conditions of the Rental Agreement for additional requirements and responsibilities.
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Cemetery Committee Report

In 2018 four lots were sold. These funds will help with the up keep of the cemetery. Two burials also took place.

There is still much work to be done. More head stones need to be straightened and repaired and the shed needs some repair and staining. There have been many comments about repairing or replacing the fence along Rte 133. Two new gate posts were installed for the North gate at a work day several years ago. Many of the other posts are rotting off and leaning.

If anyone has any interest in being part of a work day in 2019 contact a member of the cemetery committee. Everyone has busy schedules and it is difficult to set a date and get a good turnout. We need strong backs to straighten stones.

The DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) will be having a grave marking ceremony at the cemetery on April 27, 2019. A get together will be held after at the town hall. Time to be announced.

Respectively Submitted,

Nathan S. Hewitt, Chair
Jean Marie Raiche
Barbara Favreau

Friends of the Ira Town Hall Committee

The Friends of the Ira Town Hall Committee was formed in 2018 to raise funds for the continued restoration of the Ira Town Hall and to find additional ways to use the building for community functions.

2018 Income from Fund Drives

As of December 31, 2018 a total of \$6,245.00 from 45 donors has been collected from our in person and mailed fundraising campaign.

At the fall community pot luck supper a 50/50 raffle netted a total of \$135 (the winner donated her share back to the restoration fund).

2018 Monies Spent

\$5,200.00 was spent on brick and mortar repair work.

2019 Plan

The committee is working on a service auction scheduled for Saturday March 23, 2019 to continue the fund raising efforts.

A quote has been received for repair of the upstairs windows and repair of the flashing over the furnace room roof and the installation of new gutters. We hope to have sufficient funds to complete this work.

The committee will be researching available grants in 2019 and are looking for folks to help us write these.

We will be looking for input from the community on new uses for the hall and welcome any volunteers to join the committee and or to work on specific projects.

The committee will continue to accept donations. Checks should be made to the Town of Ira and write for the "Town Hall Restoration".

Respectfully,

MaryAnn Black, Alta Johnston, Allyn Kahle, Kerry Lane, Sara Meling, Bob Toppin

Report of the Ira Planning Commission for 2018

The planning commission had a quiet year. We were not successful in our attempt to get a municipal planning grant, however, we will try again this year. The next revision (5 years) of the Ira Town Plan is due in 2020.

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.

Rutland Free Library Update

This will be remembered at Rutland Free Library as the year the ceiling fell down – literally! A section of the original, 1858, plaster-and-lath ceiling in the Fox Room collapsed, eventually requiring the entire ceiling to be repaired with strapping and new acoustic tiles. While the work was in process, the Board decided to replace worn carpets and old, inefficient lighting in the Fox Room. Eventually, we replaced all the old lights in the building with LEDs. The cost of Fox Room repairs was approximately \$64,000, paid for by the Library with significant contributions from Friends of Rutland Free Library, and grants from Alma Gibbs Donchian Foundation and Vermont Community Foundation, as well as in-kind contributions from many local professionals and organizations. The lighting work was largely offset by rebates from Efficiency Vermont, with an expected annual electric savings of \$7,000. So in three years, the work should have paid for itself.

The Fox Room has been busy ever since its reopening, with ongoing programs and special events, and use by many diverse community groups. An exciting new RFL effort has been outreach to school children from each of the five “member towns”, to ensure they/their parents can easily secure their library cards. In Rutland City this was accomplished in direct partnership with the school administrators, while in Ira paper and email applications (for both children and adults) were made available at the Town Office and at the Tree Lighting Ceremony, as well as published in the December newsletter. Applications can be dropped off at the library to immediately receive your card, or mailed in for the card to be mailed to your home. Hopefully this will make using “our” library even more convenient for all Ira residents.

In other news the Library received a donation of snowshoes from the Vermont Department of Health, which can be checked out for free. They have been a popular and highly visible new addition to our collection. RFL also received a private donation of \$10,000 to pay for new staff computers, while an increase in the Rutland City tax funding allowed the Library to return to evening hours - much appreciated by many patrons! The Library is now open year-round, Mondays-Wednesdays until 8:30 PM. Finally, of course, the library continues to update and increase its wonderful collection of books, e-books, CDs, DVDs, magazines, and on-line data bases, and offers computer access and assistance to a steady stream of patrons each day.

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 \$2990.80 be placed on the March 2019 ballot, which is a \$65.80 increase (2.25%) from 2018.

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

December 21, 2018

Addendum: In Rutland City, several RFL volunteers deliver books to a small number of residents who are no longer able to get to the library easily. I have wondered if such a service might be of interest to any Ira residents. Please contact me (kjonesok@gmail.com or 235-2353) if you or someone you know might be interested in this “books on wheels” service.

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 the Society meetings. 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 is encouraged and greatly appreciated.

IRA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

Deputy Sheriff Cram was newly assigned in our area. There was a recent armed robbery at West Rutland Price Chopper parking lot, an overdose in Ira that Rutland Regional and the Ira Emergency response team responded to, and a fatal overdose in Tinmouth. Home security systems should be updated with new technologies with camera and lighting systems. Many varieties are on the market with great technologies.

Like communities around the world, Vermont cities and towns face the challenge of safe needle disposal. While this is a statewide issue, there are different approaches that communities may choose based on what is locally feasible, sustainable and effective. Communities and individuals can use the information below to develop safe, efficient and locally-appropriate needle disposal strategies.

Visit the [Vermont Needle Disposal Initiative](#) to learn more about the partnership of state agencies, police departments, business members and other groups that recognize the responsibility we all share to safely dispose of needles. You may also contact our local sheriff's office at [802-775-8002](tel:802-775-8002) for proper disposal. The sheriff's office may also be used to turn in old medical prescriptions.

What To Do With A Found Needle

With a few simple steps, it's OK to throw it away.

1. Put on heavy-duty gloves and use pliers or tongs to place the needle in a thick plastic container like a laundry detergent bottle. (Tip: look for "HDPE 2" imprinted in the plastic.)
2. Screw on the lid and seal it well with strong tape, like duct tape.
3. Write "Do Not Recycle" on the container and throw it away in the regular trash.

If you are accidentally stuck with someone else's needle:

1. Wash the wound well with soap and water.
2. Seek medical attention right away.

Learn more: www.healthvermont.gov/needledisposal

Personalized support for family substance use: [1-855-378-4373](tel:1-855-378-4373). 90% of addiction begins in the teen years.

Next Neighborhood Watch Meeting is [on February 25, 2019, 6:30pm](#)

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

RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Stephen P. Benard

FBINA SESSION 198 • NSI SESSION 97

Command Staff

CAPTAIN
DAVID J. FOX
CHIEF OF DEPUTIES

LIEUTENANT
JAMES BENNICK
PATROL COMMANDER

LIEUTENANT
JOHNATHAN BIXBY

LIEUTENANT, GHSP
KEVIN GENO
FBINA SESSION 196

SERGEANT
ANDREW CROSS

OFFICE MANAGER
PENELOPE F. GAROFANO

DISPATCH SUPERVISOR
JENNIFER COFFIN

"THE RUTLAND
COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE
WILL CONDUCT
ITS WORK
WITH COMPETENCE,
PROFESSIONALISM
AND HONOR"

The Rutland County Sheriff's Department, in cooperation with the Towns of Middletown Springs, Danby, Ira and Tinmouth, entered into a cooperative patrol services agreement that assigned one deputy to the four-towns on a full time, 40 hour per week basis. The assigned deputy splits his time between the towns, as calls for service and needs dictate.

This agreement has worked well, and we would like to see it continue in the future. It gives responsibility for the area to one patrol deputy and allows the deputy to shift from town to town to answer calls and do follow-up investigations. We know that the criminal activity is not dictated by town lines, and the geographic locations of these towns makes it advantageous for all to conduct patrol activities in this manner.

	Tinmouth	Ira	Danby	Middletown Spgs
Traffic Tickets	63	72	72	111
Warnings	10	16	11	8
Fines	\$9415.00	\$8767.00	\$10708.00	\$16,756.00
Traffic Stops	63	80	79	95
(Motor vehicle stats include work done under GHSP grants hours)				
Incidents	29	6	68	42
Arrests	7	2	7	7
911 Hangups	1	0	0	1
Crashes	0	2	2	0
Assists	9	1	13	6
Citizen Dispute	0	0	1	1
Vin Inspection	2	2	3	4
Animal Comp	3	2	12	3
Theft	1	1	1	1
Vandalism	0	0	2	1
Property Watch	0	5	9	2
Suspicious	1	2	1	2
Littering	0	1	1	1

It has been and continues to be an honor for our department to serve the citizens of Rutland County. Please remember, if you have an emergency call 9-1-1. If you have a question or a non-emergency call at anytime, you can call our office direct at 802-775-8002, visit our web site at Rutlandsheriff.net or email me direct at stephen.benard@vermont.gov.

P.O. BOX 303
88 GROVE STREET
RUTLAND, VT
05702

802-775-8002
FAX 802-775-1794

Ira Volunteer Fire Department

Incident Reports 2018

First Response/Medical - 12 (since July)

Fire - 3

Auto Accidents - 4

Alarm - 2

Storm Damage - 2

Station Coverage - 4

Fire Investigation - 3

Rescue - 1

Total calls: 31 as of 12/21/18

The Fire Department has had a busy 2018 as we are now extending medical first response services to the town as of summer. These services, in collaboration with Regional Ambulance Services, have allowed for quicker responses to medical emergencies which is always a huge benefit. The department also has several people in town completing the VT EMS course by the end of December which increases the number of people certified to assist with medical calls. The Department's call volume has increased since the summer because of the expanding types of calls. Therefore, as a reminder to the townspeople, please be as detailed as possible with dispatch during an emergency to ensure the Department's timeliness in arriving to an emergency scene.

The burn building behind the department continues to be a great training mechanism for not only the Ira Fire Department but also surrounding towns. Tinmouth and Middletown are among the towns who have utilized the building for "live burn" training with Ira in practicing fire safety and mutual aid training.

Anyone interested in supporting The Fire Department in fire/rescue or medical first response is encouraged to contact Tim Perry at (802) 747-8398. The Department continues to thank the town for their ongoing support!

2018 Membership:

Tim Perry, Chief

Dan Perry, Asst. Chief

Steve Martelle, President,

Bill Whiteman, Treasurer

Ashley Melen, Secretary

Bob Toppin

Fran Llyod

Bill Johnson

Josh Melen

Marcus Rockwell

Jeff St. Germain

Nick Cupoli

**Ira Volunteer Fire Department
Treasurer's Report**

	<u>Actual for July 2017 to June 2018</u>	<u>Budget for July 2019 to June 2020</u>
Bank Balance at 6-30-2017	<u>23,597.57</u>	
Revenue:		
Town of Ira	54,901.00	53,800.00
Contributions	1,027.10	400.00
Grant Received	8,000.00	
Interest	27.33	25.00
Total Revenue	<u>63,955.43</u>	<u>54,225.00</u>
Expenses:		
Engine 2 - Principal & Interest	7,088.73	
Firefighter Apparel		600.00
Air Pack Maintenance		700.00
Dues & Memberships	209.12	400.00
Building Maintenance & Repairs	511.50	1,000.00
Electricity	1,100.00	1,200.00
Telephone	373.25	400.00
Building & Vehicle Liability Insurance	4,490.00	5,000.00
Workers Compensation Insurance	1,217.00	1,400.00
Fire Schools		500.00
Turn Out Gear	1,004.91	5,500.00
Hose Line Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00
New Equipment	602.01	2,000.00
New Equipment - EMS		2,500.00
New Equipment - 2 Air Packs		16,000.00
Equipment Maintenance	1,051.63	1,500.00
Vehicle Maintenance	267.22	4,500.00
Vehicle Fuel & Heat	1,799.57	2,000.00
Communications, Dues		1,400.00
Communications, New	3,376.51	2,000.00
Communications, Repair		700.00
Training Expense		2,000.00
Miscellaneous	73.87	500.00
Special Project	6,112.50	
Total Expenses	<u>31,277.82</u>	<u>53,800.00</u>
Revenues in Excess of Expenses	<u>32,677.61</u>	<u>\$ 425.00</u>
Bank Balance at 6-30-2018	<u>56,275.18</u>	
Respectfully Submitted		
William L. Whiteman, Jr., Treasurer		

Ira School Board Report
January 2019

The Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union (GRCSU) was established on July 1, 2018. Member districts include stand alone districts of Ira and Rutland Town. Also included are Quarry Valley Unified Union School District (Poultney, West Rutland, and Proctor) and Wellspring Unified Union School District (Wells and Middletown Springs). Ira has one voting member on the 10 member GRCSU Board. And Ira maintains K-12 school choice.

The GRCSU Board voted to hire Dr. Debra Taylor as the GRCSU superintendent. Dr. Taylor was the superintendent for the Rutland Central Supervisory Union prior to consolidation. Consolidation involved the merging of two supervisory unions, Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union and Rutland Central Supervisory Union.

Thanks to all who serve and have served on the Ira School Board through this transition.

The Ira School Board also recently approved an annual stipend of \$700.00 for each board member. Stipends are standard for school board members in our area districts. We will be seeking a third board member to fill out the three member board. Interest and questions can be directed to Dr. Taylor 802 775-4342 or Kathleen White 802 345-3147.

Respectfully submitted
Kathleen White, Chair
Lance Jones Vice, Chair
Kelly Thompson, Clerk

**Ira School District
FY20 Budget**

Account	Fy19 Budget	FY20 Budget
101-2101-450-00-1 Local Revenue		
101-2101-450-00-5400-0000 Prior Year Carryover	\$ 26,951.51	\$ 3,288.00
101-2101-450-00-1510-0000 Interest Income	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,500.00
101-2101-450-00-5230-0000 Tax Stabilization Revenue	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
101-2101-450-00-1 Local Revenue	\$ 62,151.51	\$ 39,788.00
101-2101-450-00-3 State Revenue		
101-2101-450-00-3110-0000 State Support Grant	\$ 641,694.99	\$ 603,022.77
101-2101-450-00-3114-0000 From State to Tech Center	\$ 5,739.89	\$ 14,717.88
101-2101-450-00-3 State Revenue	\$ 647,434.88	\$ 617,740.65
Total Revenue	\$ 709,586.39	\$ 657,528.65
101-2101-510 Elementary Tuition Expense		
101-2101-510-11-1100-5610 In State Tuition	\$ 315,355.50	\$ 289,600.12
101-2101-510 Elementary Tuition Expense	\$ 315,355.50	\$ 289,600.12
101-2101-530-11 Secondary Tuition Expense		
101-2101-530-11-1100-5610 In State Tuition	\$ 260,200.00	\$ 237,744.28
101-2101-530-11-1100-5660 Private Tuition	\$ 46,751.70	\$ 32,173.08
101-2101-530-11 Secondary Tuition Expense	\$ 306,951.70	\$ 269,917.36
101-2101-530-31 Vocational Tuition Expense		
101-2101-530-31-1300-5680 Vocational On Behalf Pay	\$ 5,739.89	\$ 14,717.88
101-2101-530-31-1300-5690 Vocational Tuition	\$ 4,616.30	\$ 13,089.29
101-2101-530-31 Vocational Tuition Expense	\$ 10,356.19	\$ 27,807.17
101-2101-550-11-23 Board of Education		
101-2101-550-11-2311-3490 Professional Services	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,100.00
101-2101-550-11-2311-5910 Liability Insurance	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,000.00
101-2101-550-11-2311-6100 Supplies	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
101-2101-550-11-2311-8100 VSBA Dues & Fees	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,000.00
101-2101-550-11-2314-3410 Audit	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
101-2101-550-11-23 Board of Education	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 8,300.00
101-2101-550-11-2590 Assessment Expense		
101-2101-550-11-2590-5930 Assessment	\$ 35,655.00	\$ 35,112.00
101-2101-550-22-2490-5930 Special Ed Assessment	\$ 35,568.00	\$ 26,792.00
101-2101-550-11-2590 Assessment Expense	\$ 71,223.00	\$ 61,904.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 709,586.39	\$ 657,528.65



February, 2019

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

This has been an exciting year! We are proud to introduce our newly unified Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union, which began official operation on July 1, 2018. Transitions have been our focus during the year as we implement the voter-approved governance unification resulting from several years of planning. Our new school system includes Ira, Quarry Valley, Rutland Town and Wells Springs School Districts.

We would be remiss if we did not take this opportunity to recognize the hard work of our school board members, in particular, our retiring school districts. As a result of GRCSU unification, the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union and Rutland Central Supervisory Union concluded their oversight of their respective school districts on June 30, 2018. As a result of the merger of the Wells Springs and Quarry Valley School Districts, five town school boards concluded their work last June as well: Middletown Springs Town School District, Wells Village School District, Poultney Town School District, Proctor Town School District and West Rutland Town School District. The years of board member stewardship of our town schools represents a long history which we must honor as we transition to our new school system. While all of our schools continue to serve children and families in our communities, our school district board and supervisory union board governance has unified. We remain committed to achieving stronger schools and communities through newly forged partnerships across our communities. Together we are better!

Last year, our excellence in education was recognized by the Agency of Education as we were featured in a video demonstrating best practices in Vermont which is now posted on the state website. In December, we were honored by a visit of the Integrated Field Review Team from the Agency of Education. They are charged with providing us with feedback concerning our implementation of the Education Quality Standards which are required of all school systems in Vermont. We are pleased with their feedback. One area in which we received commendation was that of Safe and Healthy Schools. Here we were pleased to learn that students and parents across our supervisory union speak highly of teachers, support staff and administrators within their buildings and feel they are safe and well-supported. Staff embrace a growth mindset about addressing the changing needs of our students both academically and socially. Students in all our schools are cooperative and well-disciplined. They have performed many acts of kindness to help others in our communities. This overarching spirit of cooperation and generosity is the hallmark of our schools' cultures.

Last year during our transition work with school boards, teachers, support staff and administrators we developed our GRCSU vision and mission. ***Our GRCSU Vision is to L.E.A.D. - Learn, Explore, Aspire, Discover.***

Our GRCSU Mission is to create an engaged learning community by empowering students to:

Learn collaboratively and independently.

Explore their own passions and choose their own pathways.

Aspire to achieve success.

Discover their own roles as contributing local and global community members.

Instruction & Learning: Instruction in GRCSU schools is moving toward ceding agency to students by ensuring they have choice around how, where, and when to access and demonstrate evidence of their learning. Teachers are working to

provide opportunities for students to identify where they are and where they're going in their learning, self-reflect on their learning, and learn cooperatively with and from each other.

This year we are fortunate to have assembled a team of grant-funded Innovation Coaches to help teachers identify individual goals and entry points into transforming their instruction. They provide embedded, ongoing support for teachers to meet those goals while building in opportunities for them to reflect on new learning. Coaches are working with teachers to create project-based lessons, performance-based assessments, and self-directed learning opportunities. Unlike typical workshops or conferences, our coaches provide ongoing, personalized support to teachers, a professional learning model that is research-based and proven to help transform practice.

GRCSU teachers also draw on their unique areas of expertise and learn cooperatively with and from each other. Each Tuesday afternoon, they examine student performance data, identify student needs, and share strategies in Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). These meetings are scheduled synchronously across GRCSU districts so that teachers from different schools can collaborate and share their experience.

Future Planning: Our excellent educational opportunities will grow and expand in our newly unified school system. We will continue to implement student-centered learning in proficiency-based, personalized environments where all students learn at high levels. New educational opportunities began as early as July 1, 2018, such as centralized technology and joint educational program offerings, and our future will continue to unfold in a positive and productive manner as our Board and administration engage in a process to build our collective future plan for years to come.

Community Outreach: As we build our new school system, we understand that community outreach and parent partnerships continue to be very important. There are several ways that we look forward to building these robust connections. First, we are updating our GRCSU websites and plan to embed our schools' social media and superintendent blog to allow for real time information sharing and feedback. We will continue to publish and distribute online our school principal monthly reports to keep our community apprised of the great work underway in our schools. Our principals are utilizing Twitter to share essential information concerning school and student success stories - and there are many! When you see an administrator at a school/community event (such as athletic matches, school music performances, parent teacher conferences and school board meetings), please feel free to reach out to any of us with your ideas or to ask a question. Of course, you may call or email any time!

District Annual Reports and Budget Presentations: Each school board will hold public meetings to present the annual education budget for voter approval. Mark your calendars for these important meetings: Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Annual Meeting on Tuesday, February 26; Wells Springs Unified Union School District Annual Meeting on Wednesday, February 27; Ira School District Town Meeting on March 4; and Rutland Town School District Town Meeting on March 4. Through our community outreach and engagement efforts, annual reports, forums and annual meetings, we hope all of you will become familiar with our school budgets and the important educational programs and plans they support. Our schools are an investment in our students and our future.

Thank you for your continuing support of all our students. Remember, we have a remarkable history and a promising future. We look forward to excellence in our schools and students into 2020 and beyond!

Yours in Education,
Debra J. Taylor
Debra J. Taylor, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Adam Rosenberg
Adam Rosenberg
Assistant Superintendent

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Please remember to vote on Town Meeting Day, March 5, 2019. For more information visit our website: www.grcsu.org, call 802-775-4342 or email us at your convenience.

**Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union
FY20 Budget Summary**

Complete GRCSU Budget

Account	Fy19 Budget	FY20 Budget 1st Draft	FY20 Budget 2nd Draft	FY20 Budget Final	Variance
Assessment Reveue	#REF!	\$ 3,776,883.57	\$ 3,850,615.62	#REF!	#REF!
Assessment Adjustment	\$ 34,468.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (34,468.00)
Billback Reveue	\$ -	\$ 897,928.09	\$ 813,062.85	#REF!	#REF!
Other Revenue	#REF!	\$ 35,190.00	\$ 35,190.00	#REF!	#REF!
Total Local Reveue	#REF!	\$ 4,710,001.67	\$ 4,698,868.47	#REF!	#REF!
State Reveue	#REF!	\$ 3,397,315.03	\$ 3,464,087.45	#REF!	#REF!
Grant Reveue	#REF!	\$ 571,773.30	\$ 571,773.30	#REF!	#REF!
Total State & Federal Reveue	#REF!	\$ 3,969,088.33	\$ 4,035,860.75	#REF!	#REF!
Total Revenue	#REF!	\$ 8,679,090.00	\$ 8,734,729.22	#REF!	#REF!
General Fund Expense	#REF!	\$ 1,457,998.15	\$ 1,487,205.44	#REF!	#REF!
Special Ed Expense	#REF!	\$ 6,323,163.76	\$ 6,434,460.93	#REF!	#REF!
Billback Expense	\$ -	\$ 897,928.09	\$ 813,062.85	#REF!	#REF!
Total Expense	#REF!	\$ 8,679,090.00	\$ 8,734,729.22	#REF!	#REF!
Total Fund Balance	#REF!	\$ -	\$ -	#REF!	#REF!

GREATER RUTLAND COUNTY SUPERVISORY UNION

Ira School District Assessment Summary

FY20

Summary of Assessments

Curriculum Administration	\$	79,492
General Administration	\$	397,115
Fiscal Services	\$	576,353
Technology Services	\$	468,514
Plant Operations	\$	85,732
Special Ed	\$	6,434,461
Total	\$	8,041,666

Anticipated Non Assessment Revenue	\$	4,071,051
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Amount to be Assessed to School Districts	\$	3,970,616
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Assessment to Ira School District	\$	61,904
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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

Estimated Students & Tuition Rates for Fiscal 2019-2020

<u>Elementary School (Public)</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	9	\$ 13,500	\$ 121,500
Castleton Hubbardton	K-6	3	\$ 14,111	\$ 42,333
Tinmouth Elementary	K-6	4	\$ 16,087	\$ 64,346
Rutland Town School	K-6	1	\$ 13,783	\$ 13,783
Lothrop Elementary	K-6	1	\$ 15,862	\$ 15,862
Barstow Elementary	K-6	1	\$ 15,296	\$ 15,296
Wallingford Elementary	K-6	1	\$ 16,480	\$ 16,480
Sub-Total		20	\$ 105,119	\$ 289,600
<u>Secondary School (Public)</u>				
Mill River H.S.	7-12	2	\$ 14,626	\$ 29,252
West Rutland H.S.	7-12	5	\$ 17,000	\$ 85,000
Rutland Public School	7-12	3	\$ 15,296	\$ 45,887
New Students	7-12	5	\$ 15,521	\$ 77,605
Sub-Total		15	\$ 62,443	\$ 237,744
<u>Secondary School (Private)</u>				
Long Trail School	7-12	2	\$ 16,087	\$ 32,173
Sub-Total		2	\$ 16,087	\$ 32,173
Grant Total		37		\$ 559,517

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

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Property dollar equivalent yield

Homestead tax rate per \$10,666 of spending per equalized pupil

Greater Rutland Co

10,666

1.00

13,104

Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income

Expenditures

		FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$707,300	\$686,032	\$709,586	\$657,529	1.
2.	<i>plus</i> Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	2.
3.	<i>minus</i> Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	3.
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$707,300	\$686,032	\$709,586	\$657,529	4.
5.	<i>plus</i> Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	5.
6.	<i>plus</i> Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-	6.
7.	Total Budget	\$707,300	\$686,032	\$709,586	\$657,529	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)	\$91,271	\$66,166	\$62,151	\$39,788	10.
11.	<i>plus</i> Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-	11.
12.	<i>minus</i> All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	12.
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$91,271	\$66,166	\$62,151	\$39,788	13.

14.	Education Spending	\$616,029	\$619,866	\$647,435	\$617,741	14.
15.	Equalized Pupils	61.79	55.61	44.49	44.49	15.

		FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	
16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$9,969.72	\$11,146.66	\$14,552.37	\$13,884.93	16.
17.	<i>minus</i> Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-	17.
18.	<i>minus</i> Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	18.
19.	<i>minus</i> 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.	<i>minus</i> Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	20.
21.	<i>minus</i> Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	21.
22.	<i>minus</i> Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt	-	22.
23.	<i>minus</i> Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	23.
24.	<i>minus</i> Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	24.
25.	Excess spending threshold	NA	threshold = \$17,386	threshold = \$17,816	threshold = \$18,311	25.
26.	<i>plus</i> Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	\$17,386.00	\$17,816.00	\$18,311.00	26.
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$9,970	\$11,147	\$14,552	\$13,884.93	27.
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	102.770% <small>based on \$9,701</small>	109.711% <small>based on yield \$10,160</small>	142.391% <small>based on \$10,220</small>	130.179% <small>based on yield \$10,666</small>	28.

Prorating the local tax rate

29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) $[\$13,884.93 \div (\$10,666 / \$1.00)]$	\$1.0277 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	\$1.0971 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	\$1.4239 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	\$1.3018 <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 $(100.00\% \times \$1.30)$	\$1.0277	\$1.0971	\$1.4239	\$1.3018	31.
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	102.69%	101.04%	104.13%	100.93%	32.
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town $(\$1.3018 / 100.93\%)$	\$1.0008 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	\$1.0858 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	\$1.3674 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	\$1.2898 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	33.

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.

34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) $[(\$13,884.93 \div \$13,104) \times 2.00\%]$	2.00% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	2.00% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	2.35% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	2.12% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	34.
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State $(100.00\% \times 2.12\%)$	2.00% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	2.00% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	2.35% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	2.12% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	35.
36.	#N/A	-	-	-	-	36.
37.	#N/A	-	-	-	-	37.

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$10,666 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$13,104 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.58. **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 (GRCSU) 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, 2018 our GRCSU Child Count for special education recognized 286 (Prek-12) eligible students with disabilities 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.

GRCSU 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 alternative program may be required. 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 so in the least restrictive environment possible.

Finally, we would like to recognize the efforts of all our Special Educators, Instructional Assistants and Service Providers. They are professionals dedicated to meeting the students' needs. They take their responsibilities very seriously and they consistently exceed expectations. If you have any questions, please contact the GRCSU central office at 802-775-4342.

Sincerely,

Christine Kamm
Director of Student Support Services
Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union

Tammy Rescott
Assistant Director of Student Support Services
Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union

CHILD FIND NOTICE

The Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union (GRCSU) and each of the member school district (Ira, Quarry Valley (Poultney, Proctor and West Rutland) Wells Springs (Middletown Springs and Wells) 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 in which the child is or will be likely to attend OR the Superintendent of Schools of Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union, 16 Evelyn Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701, Tel: 775-4342.

Referral information will be handled in confidence. Any information obtained during child find is confidential as required in Rules 2365.2 - 2365.15 "Confidentiality of Information and Student Records". 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. If you have questions regarding the school system's non-discrimination policies, please contact the GRCSU Director of Student Services or the Principal in the school where you reside. 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, 16 Evelyn Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701, Tel: 802-775-4342.

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

March 4 and March 5, 2019

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 4, 2019, to act on the articles 1 - 3 from the floor and to recess to Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 10:00AM (polls open) through 7:00PM (polls close) to act on articles 4 through 6 by Australian Ballot at the Ira Town Office:

March 4, 2019

- 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 \$657,529. 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 \$13,885. per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 4.6% lower than spending for the current year.

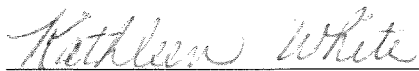
- Article 3. To transact any other lawful business that comes before the meeting.

March 5, 2019

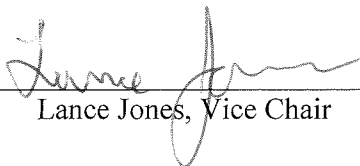
- Article 4. To elect a moderator for a term of one (1) year.
- Article 5. To elect a school director for a term of one (1) year.
- Article 6. To elect a school director for a term of three (3) year.

Dated at Ira, Vermont, January 8, 2019.

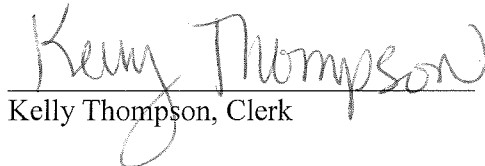
SCHOOL DIRECTORS



Kathleen White, Chair

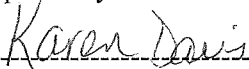


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Kelly Thompson, Clerk

A true copy, attested and duly recorded
as required by law on January 29, 2019




Town Clerk

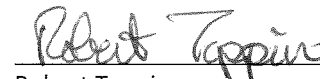
WARNING
Town of Ira,
Vermont


The legal voters of the Town of Ira, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Ira Town Hall on Monday, March 4, 2019 at 7:30 pm for an informational hearing and to act on Articles 2 -14, and to meet again at the Town Office, on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 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 22, 2019?
Article 4.	Shall the voters authorize the total expenditure of \$264,078 for the Town General Fund and Highway Fund for the fiscal year 7/1/19-6/30/20, for which \$131,927.84 will be raised by taxes and \$132,150.16 shall be from non-tax revenue?
Article 5.	Shall the voters appropriate \$7,936.80 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 \$19,936.80?
Article 6.	Shall the voters appropriate \$53,800 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 raise, appropriate and expend \$15,000 to start a reserve fund for the purpose of a fire truck replacement?
Article 8.	Shall the voters appropriate \$2,990.80 to be raised by taxes for the support of the Rutland Free Library to provide services to residents of Ira?
Article 9.	Shall the voters appropriate \$973 to be raised by taxes for the support of the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region to provide services to residents of the town?
Article 10.	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 11.	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 12.	Shall the voters appropriate \$375 to be raised by taxes to support RSVP & The Volunteer Center (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program)?
Article 13.	Shall the voters appropriate \$250 to be raised by taxes to support BROCC – Community Action in Southwestern Vermont in 2019-2020?
Article 14.	Shall the voters appropriate \$250 to be raised by taxes to support the Bird's Eye View?
	To transact any other legal and proper business to come before this meeting.


Dated: January 28, 2019


 Steve Martelle, Chair


 Robert Toppin


 Nathan Hewitt

Received and recorded this 29th day of January, 2019


 Karen Davis, Town Clerk

NOTICE TO VOTERS For Local Elections

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerks Office by February 3, 2019. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 13, 2019.

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.sec.state.vt.us**.

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.sec.state.vt.us**. The latest you can request ballots for the Annual Town Election is the close of the Town Clerk's office on March 1, 2019. (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 clerks 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.

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- ! Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
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- ! Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.
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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.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS using Paper 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.

NOTICE TO VOTERS For Local Floor Annual or Special Meetings

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NOTES

Town Officers

Position	Officer	Year Elected	Term	Term Ends
Auditors	Tina Graves	March 2018	3 Year	2021
	Christine Tyminski	Appointed June 2018 to completed 2 nd year of a 3 year term	3 Year	2020
	Bill Whiteman	March 2016	3 Year	2019
Delinquent Tax Collector	Deborah Perry	March 2018	1 Year	2019
First Constable	Mike Ryan	March 2018	2 Year	2020
Listers	Karen Davis	March 2016	3 Year	2019
	Vacant		3 Year	2020
	James Genovesi	March 2018	3 Year	2021
Moderator (Town & School)	Mary Mitiguy	Appointed November 2018 to complete 1 year term	1 Year	2019
School Directors	Kathleen White	March 2018 to complete 3 rd of 3 year term	3 Year	2019
	Lance Jones	March 2018	3 Year	2021
	Kelly Thompson	Appointed January 2019 to complete 2 nd of 3 year term	3 Year	2020
Second Constable	Fran Lloyd	March 2018	2 Year	2020
Select Board	Steven Martelle	March 2016	3 Year	2019
	Robert Toppin	March 2018	3 year	2021
	Nathan Hewitt	Appointed in August 2018 to complete 2 nd of 3 year term	3 Year	2020
Town Agent	Larry Taggart	March 2018	1 Year	2019
Town Clerk	Karen Davis	March 2018	3 Year	2021
Treasurer	Deborah Perry	March 2018	3 Year	2021
Justices	Mary Ann Black	November 2018	2 Year	2021
	Alta Johnston	November 2018	2 Year	2021
	Madeline Kerstetter	November 2018	2 Year	2021
	Larry Taggart	November 2018	2 Year	2021
	Bob Toppin	November 2018	2 Year	2021

Appointed Officers

Assistant Town Clerk	Jerri Hoffman
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	Bob Kirbach Bob Kulig Bob Toppin

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