

Approved 9-24-24

Town of Ira
Select Board Meeting Minutes
Date: August 27, 2024

Present: Nathan Hewitt, Darin May, Jeff Davis, Karen Davis, Tim Carter, Larry Taggart, Bob Toppin, Jerri Hoffman
Nathan called the meeting to order at 6:08:pm.

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

Warrant for bills: Darin made a motion to approve & sign the 8/27/24, Nathan 2nd, passed unanimously.

Nathan made a motion to approve the 7/23/24 meeting minutes with the revision under Act 133 stating that Nathan had contacted the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and spoke to Garrett; Darin 2nd, passed unanimously.

Business and Administrative

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	RESOLUTION
Select Board	Appointment of select board member	Tim Carter has expressed interest in serving on the Select Board and was present. Nathan made a motion to appoint Tim Carter to the Board, Darin 2 nd , passed unanimously. Oath to serve will be completed on Thursday.
	Will Duane, VT Fish & Wildlife, Land Acquisition -discussion of potential upcoming land acquisition and letter of support (by phone)	The Board reviewed the letter, property map and draft letter of support received from Will Duane review prior to the meeting. A phone call was placed to Mr. Duane; Karen introduced those present. Mr. Duane reviewed the proposed acquisition proposal of the 108 acre parcel from Dennis and Debbie Anger. The parcel would be added to the Blueberry Hill Wildlife Management Area to conserve and enhance existing habitat and provide additional public access. Payment in Lieu of Taxes would be approximately \$636.80 beginning in 2025. In response to a question from Darin, Will indicated access from Route 4 is not realistic and future access would be from Whipple Hollow Road. Nathan made a motion to approve and sign the Letter of Support of the acquisition. Darin 2 nd , passed unanimously.
	FY25 Annual Class 4 ROW permits for winter road & general maintenance: B Notte, F Wood, M Allen and J Callahan	The Town must give permission to allow landowners to do minor maintenance on class 4 roads. This is done annually by agreement. Tim Carter will meet with the landowners to obtain signatures on the agreement.
	Date for the October regular meeting	To avoid meeting on the date property taxes are due, Nathan made a motion to move the October meeting to the 29 th , Darin 2 nd , passed unanimously.
Treasurer Report	None	None
Clerk Report	None	None

Highway Business	General Road/equipment update	<p>Jeff indicated the truck needs 4 back tires and has an ex-haust leak. Undercoating needs to be done. Nathan made a motion to have Jeff get tires and get ex-haust leak repaired, Darin 2nd passed unanimously.</p> <p>Jeff indicated an additional 400 yards of sand/salt will be needed for the coming winter. Which will leave no place for grader and backhoe in the shed.</p> <p>Jeff will dig a trench from the water well to town garage.</p> <p>There will be an additional cost for pipe, wire, pressure tank and fittings to the well.</p> <p>Nathan made a motion to move forward with funding Parker for the additional costs; Darin 2nd, passed unanimously.</p> <p>Continuing to look for winter road plow person.</p>
	Grant Updates: FY25 Grants in Aid & FY25 Better Road Grant	<p>FY25 Grants in Aid: Two segments between 1516 and 1636 West Road have been completed.</p> <p>FY25 Better Road Grant: 1766-1964 West Road segments and 112-315 Birdseye Road segments have been completed.</p>
	Received a FY25 Better Road Grant to complete a Townwide road erosion inventory	A FY25 Better Roads grant was awarded to complete a town-wide road erosion inventory. This inventory is a requirement for the Municipal Road General Permit.
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Public Comments		Larry Taggart expressed thanks to Jeff for all his hard work on Town roads.
Maintenance & Repairs to Town Buildings	Report of maintenance concerns from monthly inspection by DHP	Roof has been repaired on town hall.
Cemetery Committee	None	None
New or Other Business	None	None
Executive Session (legal, personnel, real estate)	None	None
Adjourn		Nathan made a motion to adjourn at 6:39 pm; Darin 2 nd , passed unanimously.

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In my capacity as the minute taker for the Ira Select Board, I certify that the above is a true and accurate copy of the approval minutes of the board meeting held on August 27, 2024.

Recording: Jerri Hoffman