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**Town of Ira**  
**Select Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Date: April 28, 2026**

Present: Nathan Hewitt, Tim Carter, Darin May, Bob Toppin, Bobbi Raiche, Jean Marie Raiche, Jerri Hoffman  
Nathan called the meeting to order at 6: 03 pm.

Review and approve agenda: Nathan made a motion to approve the agenda, Tim 2<sup>nd</sup>; passed unanimously.

Warrant for bills: Tim made a motion to approve & sign the 04/28/26 warrant, Darin 2<sup>nd</sup>; passed unanimously.

Tim made a motion to approve the 3/24/26 meeting minutes, Darin 2<sup>nd</sup>; passed unanimously.

**Business and Administrative**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	RESOLUTION
<b>Select Board</b>	Appointment to the Ira Planning Commission  Town Hall use and rental agreement signed: 5/30/26 - Shower  Adopt the Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP)	Nathan made a motion to appoint Paul Russum who has agreed to the appointment, Darin 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; passed unanimously.  Bobbi has signed agreement for Town Hall use on 5/30/26.  LEMP was reviewed. Nathan made a motion to adopt LEMP, Tim 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; passed unanimously.
<b>Treasurer Report</b>	None	None
<b>Highway Business</b>	General Road/equipment update  Grader Update  New Town Truck  FY27 Grants in Aid Letter of Intent to Participate  Salt Contract  Summer Road Work	15 loads of material was applied this past week;  Grader is repaired: new muffler, changed oil and filter; fixed leaking cylinders, cutting edges  Tim suggested that the board should start looking at replacing the town truck.  Letter of Intent to Participate was reviewed for FY27; Nathan made a motion to accept and sign, Darin 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; passed unanimously.  An email was received recommending salt order be put in early. Nathan made a motion to have Bobbi reach out to Cargill to order one load for delivery after after July 1, Darin 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; passed unanimously.  Finish grading and ditching Middletown Hill Road; Pyka Road needs some ditching so water does not run down the road; a driveway permit application and fee needs to be submitted by John Redpath for culvert on West Road

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	Project for Grants in Aid FY26	<p>Funding needs to be used by 6/30/26; projects to be approved by Ashley Andrews, Project Supervisor.            Projects to be completed: Adding material and grading Weaver Hill and West Road near the town garage. Adding material and fill on parts of Cross Road. By completing these segments of roads, the roads will be brought up to State standards.</p> <p>Darin suggested renting an excavator for ditching rather than using backhoe and renting a roadside mower.</p>
<b>TOPIC</b>		
<b>Public Comments</b>	None	None
<b>Maintenance &amp; Repairs to Town Buildings</b>	<p>Report of maintenance concerns from monthly inspection by DHP</p> <p>School House roof</p>	<p>Report from DHP was reviewed; no action required. Bob Toppin bought new flag for flagpole; the rope has deteriorated and will be replaced.</p> <p>Jim Mailhiot provided quote on repairing/replacing slate on roof indicating 200 pieces of slate need to be replaced. He also quoted removing all the old slate and replacing with shingles. Both quotes are over \$8000. Two more quotes will need to be obtained. Bob Toppin will see who Neal Lincoln used for his roof repair.</p> <p>Nathan asked Jerri to discuss the cost with the Historical Society and see what is available for grants to assist to assist with this cost before next Board meeting.</p>
<b>Cemetery Committee</b>	Jean Marie Raiche Cemetery Stone Repair	<p>Jean Marie reviewed with Board the walkthrough of the cemetery with Tom Giffin, President of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association and his recommendations for a strong work crew and materials needed for stone repair. Removal of the trees to prevent future damage of stones is recommended. The pine tree at the back on the right is particularly concerning. He noted that some of the stones have been power washed which degrades the stone and causes yellowing and grainy surfaces. VOCA recommends D2 biological solution which is the approved cleaner for cemetery stones.</p> <p>VOCA requires written permission authorizing them to work on the stones.</p> <p>Nathan made a motion give written permission for VOCA to work in the cemetery, Tim 2<sup>nd</sup>; passed unanimously. Nathan made a motion to purchase 1 ton of Shurpac and to reimburse purchase of D2 cleaner, Darin 2<sup>nd</sup>; passed unanimously. The Shurpac will be in dump trailer for ease of use.</p> <p>There are burials scheduled: one in May and one in June.</p> <p>The lawnmower is at GT Outdoor for repairs; the cemetery lawn is not going to get mowed until repaired.</p>

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		Barb Favreau has resigned from the Cemetery Committee; a new member will be solicited.
<b>New or Other Business</b>	None	Review and sign Municipal Resolution from the RRPC was tabled from last month; no action was taken.  Listers reached out to the chair with concerns of no one showing interest in being a lister. There has been a vacancy for several years. Listers are thinking they will not run again when their term is up. The board discussed steps to eliminate the position. Taxpayers would need to vote on it in March. It will be necessary to hire outside firm in the future
<b>Executive Session</b> (legal, personnel, real estate)	None	None
<b>Adjourn</b>		Nathan made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 pm, Darin 2nd; passed unanimously.
In my capacity as the minute recorder for the Ira Select Board, I certify that the above is a true and accurate copy of the approval minutes of the board meeting held on April 28, 2026.		

Recording: Jerri Hoffman