

# 2021 Annual Report



Town of Ira  
July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

## Cover Dedication

CAT 415 Wheel Loader Backhoe  
75 Horsepower CAT  
4 Wheel Drive  
1.3 cubic yard general purpose bucket  
24" Digging Bucket  
48" Ditching Bucket  
Quick disconnect  
Curve style boom with extendable dipperstick

Auxiliary hydraulics on the rear of the machine that will allow for multiple attachments.  
Purchased July 2021

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**AUDITORS' REPORT  
FY21**

We have examined the financial records for the Town of Ira for the year ending June 30, 2021. 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, 2021.

Dated January 6, 2022, at the Town of Ira.



Tina Graves



Christine Tyminski



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Treasurer's Financial Statements

<b>STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCES</b>		
AS OF JUNE 30, 2021		
General Operating – Merchants	\$	173,529.08
Petty Cash		300.00
<b>Money Market – Merchants</b>		
Building Reserve	\$	35,000.00
Cemetery Fund		25,738.97
Professional Audit Reserve		18,000.00
Reappraisal Reserve		35,718.33
Restoration/Preservation		1,604.70
Garage Building Fund		40,000.00
Money Market – Merchants-Other		73,391.32
<b>Total Money Market – Merchants</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>229,453.32</b>
Equipment Savings		133,796.72
George Putnam Fund		8,339.96
<b>Total Cash Balances</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>545,419.08</b>

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

<b>Ira Riverside Cemetery</b>		
Operating Statement – July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021		
<b>Revenue</b>		
Lot Sales & Contributions	\$	850.00
Gain/Loss on Investment		1,581.96
Transfer from Town		1,000.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,431.96</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Repairs & Maintenance	\$	194.31
Grave & Related Expenses		400.00
Cemetery Wages		1,900.00
Payroll Taxes		145.35
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,639.66</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>792.30</b>



TOWN OF IRA  
STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND  
REVENUES & EXPENDITURES - CASH BASIS  
July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

REVENUES		
CURRENT TAXES GENERAL FUND	\$	91,865.28
CURRENT TAXES HIGHWAY FUND		136,786.00
SCHOOL PROPERTY TAXES		575,814.10 *
MUNICIPAL TAX ADJUSTMENT		5,338.00
DELINQUENT TAX REVENUE		56,511.40
DELINQUENT TAX INTEREST		4,229.57
CURRENT USE		20,721.00
DOG LICENSES		226.00
BANK INTEREST		86.66
USE OF TOWN HALL		150.00
CIVIL FINES		1,970.11
RAILROAD TAX		79.05
FISH & GAME NATURAL RESOURCE/PILOT		7,648.38
MISC. OTHER REVENUE		40.00
OVERWEIGHT PERMITS		215.00
STATE AID TO BACK ROADS		14,783.83
HIGHWAY GRANTS		19,875.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	936,339.38
GENERAL EXPENDITURES		
SELECT BOARD SALARY	\$	2,700.00
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SALARY		4,000.00
HEALTH OFFICER		200.00
AUDITORS SALARY		600.00
PAYROLL TAXES		2,621.65
CONSULTANT/TAX MAPS		642.40
RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION		975.00
EDUCATION SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS		103.00
POSTAGE		601.69
PHOTOCOPIER		2,076.39
LEGAL SERVICES		594.00
VLCT DUES		1,600.00
RUTLAND COUNTY TAX		3,941.33
REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE		1,728.00
INSURANCE LIABILITY		4,719.00
INSURANCE WORKERS COMP		2,381.00
TOWN OFFICE SUPPLIES		1,521.25
COMPUTER SOFTWARE/HARDWARE		2,534.55
TOWN REPORT		651.50
ELECTIONS		863.84
TRANSFER TO PROFESSIONAL AUDIT RESERVE		1,500.00
TRANSFER TO CEMETERY FUND		1,000.00
TOWN OFFICE MORTGAGE		14,875.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY		8,000.00
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK		126.00
LISTERS SALARY		1,800.00
CONSULTANT		183.27
TREASURER SALARY		8,000.00
CONSTABLE SALARY		200.00
LAW ENFORCEMENT		11,306.66
TOWN OFFICE ELECTRIC		694.23
TOWN OFFICE HEAT		1,163.84
TOWN OFFICE TELEPHONE		2,298.67
TOWN OFFICE REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE		2,542.58
TOWN OFFICE LAWN MOWING		1,200.00
TOWN OFFICE CLEANING		784.04
TOWN OFFICE MISCELLANEOUS		50.00
TOWN HALL ELECTRIC		495.42
TOWN HALL HEAT		724.62
TOWN HALL TELEPHONE		441.63
TOWN HALL REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE		1,145.07
TOWN HALL LAWN MOWING		1,080.00
TOWN HALL CLEANING		638.75
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENDITURES	\$	95,304.38

TOWN OF IRA  
STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND  
REVENUES & EXPENDITURES - CASH BASIS  
July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

ARTICLES		
IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT	\$	53,800.00
IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT - RESERVE FUND	\$	15,000.00
RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY		2,947.56
RAVNAH & HOSPICE		973.00
SOUTHWESTERN VT COUNCIL		300.00
RUTLAND MENTAL HEALTH		286.00
RSVP & VOLUNTEER CTR		375.00
BIRD'S EYE VIEW		250.00
RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT		10,840.00
TOTAL ARTICLES	\$	<u>84,771.56</u>
HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES		
SALARIES	\$	5,600.50
PAYROLL TAXES		901.74
LABOR FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE		5,925.38
SIGNS/BRIDGES		9.18
ROADSIDE MOWING		1,300.00
WINTER SAND		15,904.00
GRAVEL		16,422.05
WINTER SALT		4,471.69
CHLORIDE		3,033.60
CULVERTS & INSTALLATION		8,158.00
DITCHING		5,289.00
GRADING		4,998.00
EQUIPMENT RENTAL		470.00
DIESEL FUEL FOR EQUIPMENT		2,557.51
TRUCK MAINTENANCE		13,269.87
GRADER MAINTENANCE		9,658.93
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL FUND		45,000.00
MUNICIPAL ROAD PERMITS		740.00
TOWN GARAGE ELECTRIC		417.87
TOWN GARAGE HEAT		586.68
TOWN GARAGE REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE		1,922.72
TOWN GARAGE MISCELLANEOUS		2.50
GRANT EXPENSES		23,556.50
TOWN HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES	\$	<u>170,195.72</u>
TRANSFER TO SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$	<u>575,814.10</u> *
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	926,085.76
GENERAL FUND SURPLUS		8,789.51
HIGHWAY FUND SURPLUS		1,464.11
TOTAL SURPLUS	\$	<u><u>10,253.62</u></u>

\* School taxes transferred to School District



SELECT BOARD BUDGET

	Budget FY21 7/1/20 - 6/30/21	Actual FY21 7/1/20 - 6/30/21	Working Budget FY22 7/1/21 - 6/30/22	Projected Budget FY23 7/1/22 - 6/30/23
<b>TAX REVENUE</b>				
CURRENT GF TAXES	69,146.00	91,865.28	66,253.00	62,813.49
MUNICIPAL TAX ADJUSTMENT	9,000.00	5,338.00	6,000.00	4,000.00
DELINQUENT TAX REVENUE	10,000.00	56,511.40	20,000.00	20,000.00
DELINQUENT TAX INTEREST	500.00	4,229.57	1,500.00	1,500.00
CURRENT USE	27,000.00	20,721.00	20,000.00	25,000.00
DOG LICENSES	200.00	226.00	200.00	200.00
BANK INTEREST	200.00	86.66	200.00	100.00
USE OF TOWN HALL	-	150.00	-	-
CIVIL FINES	2,000.00	1,970.11	3,000.00	2,000.00
RAILROAD TAX	-	79.05	-	-
F&G NAT RESOURCE/PILOT	7,500.00	7,648.38	7,600.00	7,600.00
MISC OTHER REVENUE	50.00	40.00	50.00	50.00
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	4,732.00	-	-	8,789.51
<b>TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE</b>	<b>130,328.00</b>	<b>188,865.45</b>	<b>124,803.00</b>	<b>132,053.00</b>

<b>GENERAL TOWN</b>				
SELECTMAN SALARY	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00
ADMIN ASST SALARY	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	6,000.00
HEALTH OFFICER	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
AUDITORS SALARY	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
PAYROLL TAXES	3,500.00	2,621.65	3,500.00	3,500.00
CONSULTANTS/TAX MAPS	1,000.00	642.40	1,000.00	1,000.00
RUTLAND REG PLANNING COM	975.00	975.00	975.00	1,000.00
EDUC SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS	750.00	103.00	750.00	750.00
POSTAGE	2,000.00	601.69	2,000.00	2,000.00
PHOTOCOPIER	3,000.00	2,076.39	3,000.00	3,000.00
LEGAL SERVICES	7,500.00	594.00	7,500.00	7,000.00
ADVERTISING NOTICES/HEARINGS	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
VLCT	1,500.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
RUTLAND COUNTY TAX	4,100.00	3,941.33	3,500.00	3,900.00
REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE	1,728.00	1,728.00	1,728.00	1,728.00
INSURANCE LIABILITY	8,000.00	4,719.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
INSURANCE WORKERS COMP	6,000.00	2,381.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
TOWN OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,500.00	1,521.25	1,500.00	1,700.00
COMP SOFT/HARDWARE	8,500.00	2,534.55	6,000.00	6,000.00
TOWN REPORT	1,000.00	651.50	1,000.00	1,000.00
ELECTIONS	1,200.00	863.84	1,200.00	1,500.00
TRANSFER TO AUDIT FUND	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
TRANSFER TO CEMETERY FUND	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,600.00
TOWN OFFICE MORTGAGE	10,625.00	10,625.00	10,625.00	10,625.00
MORTGAGE INTEREST	4,250.00	4,250.00	3,825.00	3,400.00
MISCELLANEOUS	250.00	-	250.00	250.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	10,400.00
ASST TOWN CLERK SALARY	1,000.00	126.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
LISTER'S SALARY	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
CONSULTANT	4,000.00	183.27	4,000.00	4,000.00
TREASURER SALARY	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	10,400.00
CONSTABLE SALARY	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
LAW ENFORCEMENT	12,000.00	11,306.66	12,000.00	12,000.00
TOWN OFFICE ELECTRIC	1,300.00	694.23	1,300.00	1,000.00
TOWN OFFICE HEAT	1,500.00	1,163.84	1,500.00	1,500.00
TOWN OFFICE TELEPHONE	2,400.00	2,298.67	2,400.00	2,400.00
TOWN OFFICE REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	2,000.00	2,542.58	2,000.00	2,400.00
TOWN OFFICE LAWN MOWING	1,600.00	1,200.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
TOWN OFFICE CLEANING	1,300.00	784.04	1,700.00	1,700.00
MISC TOWN OFFICE	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
TOWN HALL LIGHTS	800.00	495.42	800.00	700.00
TOWN HALL HEAT	1,700.00	724.62	1,700.00	1,700.00
TOWN HALL TELEPHONE	700.00	441.63	700.00	550.00
TOWN HALL REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	1,500.00	1,145.07	1,500.00	1,500.00
TOWN HALL LAWN MOWING	1,400.00	1,080.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
TOWN HALL CLEANING	700.00	638.75	1,200.00	1,200.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>130,328.00</b>	<b>95,304.38</b>	<b>124,803.00</b>	<b>132,053.00</b>

SELECT BOARD BUDGET

	Budget FY21	Actual FY21	Working	Projected
	7/1/20 - 6/30/21	7/1/20 - 6/30/21	Budget FY22	Budget FY23
			7/1/21 - 6/30/22	7/1/22 - 6/30/23

**ARTICLES**

IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT	53,800.00	53,800.00	51,500.00	-
IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT - RESERVE FUND	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	-
RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY	2,947.56	2,947.56	2,947.56	-
RAVNAH & HOSPICE	973.00	973.00	973.00	-
SOUTHWESTERN VT COUNCIL	300.00	300.00	300.00	-
RUTLAND MENTAL HEALTH	286.00	286.00	-	-
RSVP & VOLUNTEER CTR	375.00	375.00	375.00	-
BIRD'S EYE VIEW	250.00	250.00	250.00	-
RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT	10,840.00	10,840.00	10,840.00	-
TOTAL ARTICLES	84,771.56	84,771.56	82,185.56	

TOTAL GENERAL & ARTICLE EXPENDITURES	215,099.56	180,075.94	206,988.56	132,053.00
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**Highway Revenue**

CURRENT HWY TAXES	136,786.00	136,786.00	178,940.00	175,775.89
OVERWEIGHT PERMITS	100.00	215.00	100.00	100.00
STATE AID TO BACK ROADS	11,000.00	14,783.83	11,000.00	11,000.00
HIGHWAY GRANTS	-	19,875.00	-	-
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	20,504.00	-	-	1,464.11
TOTAL HIGHWAY REVENUE	168,390.00	171,659.83	190,040.00	188,340.00

**Highway Budget**

SALARIES	20,000.00	5,600.50	22,000.00	22,000.00
PAYROLL TAXES	5,000.00	901.74	4,000.00	4,000.00
LABOR FOR RD MAINTENANCE	10,000.00	5,925.38	10,000.00	10,000.00
SIGNS/BRIDGES	300.00	9.18	400.00	400.00
ROADSIDE MOWING	1,300.00	1,300.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
WINTER SAND AND TRUCKING	16,000.00	15,904.00	17,000.00	18,500.00
GRAVEL AND TRUCKING	20,000.00	16,422.05	24,000.00	24,000.00
WINTER SALT AND TRUCKING	6,500.00	4,471.69	6,500.00	7,000.00
CHLORIDE	2,200.00	3,033.60	3,200.00	4,000.00
CULVERTS & INSTALLATION	10,000.00	8,158.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
DITCHING	10,000.00	5,289.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
GRADING	10,000.00	4,998.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	2,000.00	470.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
DIESEL FUEL FOR EQUIPMENT	5,000.00	2,557.51	5,000.00	5,000.00
TRUCK MAINTENANCE	-	13,269.87	-	-
GRADER MAINTENANCE	-	9,658.93	-	-
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL FUND	45,000.00	45,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00
MUNICIPAL ROAD PERMITS	740.00	740.00	740.00	1,240.00
TOWN GARAGE ELECTRIC	800.00	417.87	900.00	900.00
TOWN GARAGE HEAT	550.00	586.68	700.00	700.00
TOWN GARAGE REPAIRS/ MAINTENANCE	1,500.00	1,922.72	6,500.00	1,500.00
TOWN GARAGE MISC TOWN	500.00	2.50	100.00	100.00
GRANT EXPENSE	-	23,556.50	-	-
TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES	168,390.00	170,195.72	190,040.00	188,340.00

TOTAL GENERAL & HIGHWAY	298,718.00	265,500.10	314,843.00	320,393.00
TOTAL ARTICLES	84,771.56	84,771.56	82,185.56	-

### Select Board Report

This summer the Town took delivery of a CAT 415 loader backhoe. It was not a tough decision to replace the 1980's John Deere machine. Since the machine was purchased, the brakes had been redone, universals replaced, a tire replaced, frame welded due to severe rust, and head gasket replaced. The backhoe pins and bushings were worn out and it was not cost effective to repair them.

The new machine was purchased at a cost of \$13,912/ year for seven years and at that time we'll own it. The John Deere was purchased for \$18,000 in 2018 and was traded in for \$10,000.

Five culverts were replaced this summer by Chris Lanfear. Four culverts needed to be replaced because they were rusted out and one was replaced because it was plugged. The projects were funded by the State of VT Grants in Aid Fund (\$5,340), plus a match from the Town.

The Town road employee, John Capen, was busy this summer cleaning ditches, drawing gravel, and grading to improve the road surfaces and control erosion.

During the summer of 2021 the Town Tree Warden, Jeff Davis, inventoried problem trees and brush along the 7.5 miles of town roads. Jeff and Ben Kerstetter spent 5 days cutting and chipping the Ira roadsides.

The Town of Ira received a \$6,547 grant to create a conceptual site design and site assessment for a new town garage, salt shed, and fire department. Otter Creek Engineering has been working on some basic site designs for the Politis parcel located off Route 133. There will be a public engagement event in the spring where the details of the report are presented in a public forum.

Likewise, the Select Board is trying to look at all the options available to update our town garage and has contracted with Otter Creek Engineering to do a site assessment of the present Town Garage and look at a conceptual design to bring that facility up to current standards.

Respectfully,

Nathan Hewitt  
Bob Toppin

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### Town Clerk Report

While 2021 was challenging in many ways, the Town Office continues to offer vehicle registration renewals, Fish & Wildlife licenses, dog licenses, copies of vital records, marriage licenses, Green Mountain Passports, rental of the Town Hall, and free notary services.

All dogs 6 months and older are required by State law to be licensed on or before April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. A license for a spayed/neutered dog is \$9.00 and for an unsprayed/un-neutered dog is \$13.00. A current rabies certificate must be on file or provided at the time the license is purchased. There were 84 dogs licensed in fiscal year 21 for revenue of \$226.00 for the Town. Licenses will be available on Town Voting Day, March 1, 2022, 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, during polling hours on Election Day, or by requesting an absentee ballot. Voting is held at the Town Office for all elections. Polls open at 10:00 am and close at 7:00 pm.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns at 802-235-2745. The Town Office is open on Tuesdays 2:00 – 6:00 and Thursdays 8:30 – 2:30.

Karen Davis  
Town Clerk

**DELINQUENT TAX REPORT – December 31, 2021**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Total Due</u>
Bowen, J	2021	\$ 7.20
Cook, Rebekah	2021	1,383.05
Crossman, John & Linda	2020	1,556.49
	2021	1,564.97
Czarnecki, Paul & Karen	2021	2,218.86
Davis, Edward J	2021	830.19
Dydo, Randy & Elaine	2021	2,046.69
Fitzgerald, Clyde	2020	706.80
	2021	689.98
Haynes, Jason	2018	1,757.10
	2019	1,678.26
	2020	1,073.27
	2021	2,154.63
Killoleet Rock, LLC	2021	1,116.93
Killoleet Rock, LLC	2020	25.43
	2021	3,067.63
Kinneston, James	2021	233.38
Lee, David	2020	656.00
	2021	5,228.29
Macabee, Pamela	2017	529.40
	2018	627.33
	2019	933.57
	2020	1,054.96
McCaulley Harry	2021	19.19
North Meadows, Inc.	2013	13.98
	2014	14.78
	2015	14.20
	2016	14.02
	2017	15.51
	2018	14.27
	2019	14.37
	2020	16.23
	2021	16.79
Notte, Albert	2021	1,211.35
Prescott, Neal W	2013	179.81
	2014	190.05
	2015	182.64
	2016	180.33
	2017	199.47
	2018	183.43
	2019	184.67
	2020	208.67
	2021	215.94
Sumner, Lori & Kelton	2021	2,713.73
Williams, Jared	2021	3,779.06
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		\$40,722.90

## Vital Statistics

<b>Marriages</b>			
		<b>Date of Marriage</b>	<b>Place of Marriage</b>
Noah Smith	Brooke Raiche	September 5, 2021	Ira
Alexandra Resch	Caleb Alger	September 18, 2021	Poultney
Lynn Wilson	Timothy Carter	October 10, 2021	Ira

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<b>Deaths</b>			
		<b>Age</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>
Rina L Girardi		33	May 15, 2021
Glen Gary Littlejohn		85	May 15, 2021
Debra L Marszalkowski		64	August 5, 2021
Gerald L Angier		88	September 13, 2021
David B Miller		80	October 4, 2021

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<b>Burials</b>			
		<b>Date of Burial</b>	
	Regina E Buffum	June 26, 2021	
	Beverly Coote	July 24, 2021	

### Ira's Golden Cane

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

Alta Johnston, who turned 93 in September 2021, currently holds the cane.

#### Past Recipients

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

## 2021 Ira Vermont Historical Society

The *Ira Historical Society* continued monthly meetings remotely for the first quarter of the year and was delighted to once again be able to conduct in-person meetings beginning in May. Despite limitations due to the pandemic, we started working in earnest on the IRVHS museum in the newly renovated second floor of the Town Hall. We began with small work parties preparing vintage glass display cases to house many of the antiquities that have been donated by our neighbors. Great progress has been made toward organizing and documenting these artifacts of past life in Ira with a goal toward telling a story reminding us of how things were done and lives lived years ago in our community. The museum continues to be a work in progress. The Society looks forward to an opening of the museum so watch for the announcement and plan to visit.

The Society is a 501(c) organization making all memberships and financial donations tax deductible. Please consider lending your support and become part of the Ira story.

Robert Kirbach, President

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### **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 @ 802-235-2745 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month so applications should be received well in advance of the planned event.*
4. Arrangements need to be made with the Town Clerk to make payment and pick up the key prior to the event.
5. PAYMENT must be made 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 who will inspect the Town Hall prior to refunding the security deposit.
7. In case of emergency (i.e., death/funeral) for Ira residents only, the Town Hall may be obtained without prior notice, with no charge. Call the Town Clerk to make arrangements.
8. Refer to the terms and conditions of the Rental Agreement for additional requirements and responsibilities.

## **Regional Ambulance**

Regional Ambulance was established in 1983 to provide emergency ambulance services to its member towns. Ira joined the ambulance service at its inception. Regional Ambulance Service responded to 27 calls to the town of Ira in 2021. The Ambulance Service provides 911 service 24 hours/365 days a year. RAS 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](http://www.rasvt.com) for more information on their services, class schedules, and membership details.

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## Rutland County Sheriff's Report

Ira Vermont

Thus far, in the 2021-2022 contract time frame, RCSD has responded to 26 incidents, preformed 39 traffic stops, and had one criminal arrest. Sheriff's Deputies average 10 hours per week, covering five to six days per week. With Ira being one of the towns in Regional Patrol with Tinmouth, Danby and Middletown Springs this is a great benefit to these towns. This allows smaller towns who are working with a smaller tax base the ability to have more directed law enforcement coverage for their money. An example of this would be at any time RCSD has a Deputy assigned to Regional Patrol we will respond to incidents in any of these four towns, thus in reality giving Ira 40 hours a week coverage for the cost of paying for 10 hours per week. The hours are managed weekly, so if we go over the allotted 10 hours per week, we will scale back your directed coverage until we are back on track with hours. However, this does not mean if we have used the allotted hours for the week we will not respond for complaints. We will continue to respond to incidents in your town and continue to manage the hours. This cooperation between these four towns has worked well over the past few years and we hope this kind of cooperation will continue in the future. The Rutland County Sheriff's Department is honored to provide your law enforcement needs.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheriff

David J. Fox

## 2021 Ira Planning Commission

### Annual Report

The Ira Planning Commission did not meet in person during 2021 having held its last session the preceding December. Last year's approval by Ira voters of the Village Center Designation has allowed our town to be in position to take advantage of various financial opportunities that may benefit us in the near future. While there has been little developmental activity here much is going on in neighboring towns. Solar energy projects are being proposed in almost every town in our region, and a lone wind power generating site is presently being considered in Castleton; we expect to become involved in similar projects when they arise in Ira. Stay tuned.

Bob Kirbach, chair

Jeff Barden

Bob Kulig



The RRPC is a resource for towns, a platform for ideas, and inspires a vision for our future. We balance local desires, best practices, and regional planning for communities that are vibrant today and strong for years to come.

The Rutland Regional Planning Commission and Town of Ira continued working together in 2021 on many community development initiatives, including:

- Provided Municipal Road General Permit (MRGP) technical support.
- Provided MPG Administrative support for work to develop a site assessment and design for a new fire house, town garage, and salt shed.
- Worked with Planning Team to update Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Worked with Selectboard and Town Clerk to complete FY21 Grants in Aid construction project (1 segment improved) and applied for FY22 GIA construction program funding.

If you feel inspired to participate in local or regional planning; want to be paired with opportunities to grow your community, or just want to learn more, please visit or give us a call - we'd love to hear from you!

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## IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

26 CALLS TOTAL FOR YEAR 2021:

9 Motor Vehicle Collision  
3 Mutual Aid and Standby  
4 Powerlines Down

13 EMS  
2 Hang Glider

### 2021 Membership

Tim Perry Firefighter, EMS, Treasurer  
Josh Melen Fire Officer, Treasurer  
Bill Johnson Firefighter  
Fran Lloyd Firefighter  
Marcus Rockwell Firefighter  
Amanda Harte Firefighter, EMS  
Lynn Wilson EMS  
Jeremy Martelle Firefighter  
Macalyster Perry Jr. Firefighter  
Bruce Gee Board of Directors

Dan Perry Fire Chief  
Steve Martelle Firefighter, EMS  
Bob Toppin Firefighter  
Nick Cupoli Firefighter  
Jeff St.Germain Firefighter  
Jean Raiche EMS  
Lauren Martelle EMS  
Brad Zellars Firefighter  
Tyler Sanderson Firefighter  
Dave Kerstetter President

It has been another challenging year for our country, state and at the fire department. We have had to change how we train and respond to calls due to the pandemic. We are pleased to announce that we have added two more members to our department. Please welcome Tyler Sanderson and Brad Zellars to our department. As always the department is looking for new members, helpers, grant writers and members of the community to help with the fire department duties. Thank you for all the support we continue to receive from the community.

We are currently starting to research to replacement of the fire station that is in need of significant upgrades and its current location is in the flood plan. Today's firefighting apparatus does not fit in the fire station construction which has well serviced this community since 1976 when it was constructed. We have budgeted in FY 23's budget for \$3000 for research and planning for the new fire station. We know this process will take a significant amount of time to come up with viable options. We are expecting to have a plan by the next fiscal year to be presented to the town. We have written about this for several years in the town report and we need to address this in the coming fiscal years.

On our treasurer's report you will notice some changes in spending from last year's treasurer's report. We reduced or delayed some of our spending in FY 21 due to the purchase of 8 new SCBA air packs. The replacement of these air packs were necessary to meet NFPA requirements. An example of the delayed purchases were the two sets of turnout gear, hose line fund and communications. The air packs were purchased in a joint purchase with Middletown Springs and Albany New York to get a reduced price, saving the department \$8,000 on the purchase. Once again thank you for all your support.

**Ira Volunteer Fire Department Budget**

	Budget FY 2020-21	Actual FY 2020-21	Budget FY 2022-23
Income			
Reserve Fund Town of Ira	15000	15000	15000
Town	53800	53800	48550
Fundraising	0	50.6	0
Corporate Contributions	200	2924.96	200
Individual Contribution	200	200	200
Interest	100	73.77	100
Total Income	69300	72049.33	64050
Air Pack Maintenance	700	0	700
Building & Repair	3500	1807.23	3500
New Fire Station Research	0	0	3000
Communications, Dues	1400	1000	2500
Communications, New	2000	0	1000
Communications, Repair	700	70	700
Dues & Memberships	400	2230.13	400
Electricity	1500	1733.69	1500
Equip Maintenance	1500	56.52	1500
Firefighter Apparel	600	123.6	600
Fire Schools	500	0	0
Hoseline Fund	2000	0	2000
Building, Vehicle Liab. Ins.	5000	4258	5000
Workers Compensation	1400	1219	1400
Miscellaenous	520	115.34	500
New Equipment	2000	234.93	1000
New Equipment-SCBA	16000	57767.82	10000
EMS Equipment	2500	1504.84	1500
Telephone	1000	878.5	1000
Training Expense	1800	1940	2000
Turn Out Gear	5500	0	2250
Fuel, Vehicles	2000	792.59	2000
Vehicle Maintenance	4500	2206.25	4500
Total Expenses	57020	77938.44	48550
total truck fund reserve		45000	60000
Bank Account Balance as of 10 Nov 2021			93946.99

## Annual Report Rutland Free Library

The Library weathered COVID without closing its doors to the public during the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2021. We remained open to the public more than most libraries in the state, understanding that not everything we provide can be supplied online. This includes tangible services like computers, copiers, and reference books, but also intangibles like a resting place out of inclement weather, the experience of browsing the stacks, or simply providing a place to see other people, the need for which the COVID lockdown brought dramatically to light.

Our goal was and remains to do what is needed to be a low-risk environment, as defined by Vermont OSHA. We have had a variety of mask policies, time limits, item quarantines, and so on in an attempt to ensure visiting the Library is as safe as we can make it. We reduced discretionary spending to ensure the Library remained an affordable part of the town's budget, including a 5 percent cut in administrative salaries.

We introduced curbside pickup, which has morphed into "concierge service," where users call ahead for material. Staff retrieve the items that are then waiting at the front desk. We expect this will be popular with many patrons for the foreseeable future and are happy to offer the service even though it requires more staff time per item than the traditional borrowing model, where users browse for their own items.

We also used the Nella Grimm Fox Fund -- our endowment restricted to supplying materials and programs -- to meet greatly increased demand for downloadable items, particularly audiobooks. During FY21, electronic borrowing accounted for more than 20 percent of all loans, a four-fold increase from FY18. The corresponding drop-off in demand was for DVDs, as increasing numbers of homebound viewers chose streaming services.

Also as a result of COVID, we had to eliminate or move most of our programs online, including our flagship First Wednesday speaker series. We also participated in the very successful Out of the Box kids activity kits, built outdoor storywalks, recorded Vermont Bound, a series of interviews with local authors, and used a VT Community Foundation grant to provide outdoor seating with WiFi access.

Joan Gamble approached us about joining Dolly Parton Imagination Library, which ships age-appropriate books to kids monthly from birth until their fifth birthday. That partnership is off to a quick start, with signups exceeding expectations.

From a staffing point of view, we lost longtime children's librarian June Osowski to cancer, with Amanda Begin hired in that position. Ron Lurvey retired after 35+ years of maintaining our building. Speaking of the building, the Library pursued a move to the former Giorgetti Library at the College of St. Joseph, but the developer chose not to follow through with a verbal agreement to consider the move and for now at least, we plan on remaining at 10 Court St.

As could be expected during a statewide lockdown, our numbers of items loaned dropped sharply, down almost one-third through the first nine months of the fiscal year, but we rebounded by more than 25 percent in the fourth quarter, comparing one COVID-disrupted year to another. Once we are able to host programs in-house, we expect numbers to return to pre-COVID levels.

It has been an historically difficult year, but I am proud to report that with much good will from the staff and public that Rutland Free Library has made it through largely intact and ready to serve. Thank you to the voters of Ira for your continuing support for the Rutland Free Library.

-- Randal Smathers, Director, Rutland Free Library

## Ira School Board Report

January 2022

Ira is a member district of the Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union (GRCSU) established July, 2018. Additional GRCSU member districts are Rutland Town, Quarry Valley (Poultney, West Rutland, Proctor), and Wells-Spring (Wells, Middletown Springs). Ira has one voting member on the ten member GRCSU Board and continues to maintain K-12 school choice.

As we always seek to emphasize in our Annual Report as Ira does not operate a school, the School Board has very limited control over our school budget. Approximately 89% of the budget is tuition that is paid to other schools for resident Ira students, ranging from PreK - 12th grade. The other 12% percent is made of the GRCSU assessment and other fiscal responsibilities. Due to our low student numbers a slight shift up or down in overall students can significantly increase or decrease our overall budget. Due to the minimal size of the Ira budget, changes in demographics from year to year can cause significant fluctuations in the School Budget and Tax rate. One family with 2 children moving into town can result in a 5% increase to the annual budget. For FY23, we are anticipating an increase in both student count (4.5 students) and the cost of tuition rates which is resulting in an increase in expense over FY22 of \$80,450, an 11.9% increase. This increase in expense is estimated to be offset by an increase in the state yield due to a surplus in the Vermont Education Fund. However, due to rising home values in Ira, we are experiencing a drop in our Common Level of Appraisal which is resulting in a final estimated tax rate increase of approx. 5 cents, an increase of 3%.

Please refer to provided documentation by Louis Milazzo, GRCSU Business Manager, in this annual report for further budget details. As always, please reach out to the Board with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Lance Jones, Chair

Mary Mitiguy, Vice Chair

Jeffrey Barden, Clerk



February 2022

Dear GRCSU Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

On behalf of the GRCSU, we would like to express our gratitude for your continued involvement and support of the Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union (GRCSU) and our individual school communities. The GRCSU serves four school districts: Ira School District, Quarry Valley Unified Union School District, Rutland Town School District, and the Wells Springs Unified Union School District. Our eight schools include Middletown Springs Elementary School, Poultney Elementary School, Poultney High School, Proctor Elementary School, Proctor Jr/Sr High School, Rutland Town School, Wells Village School, and West Rutland School, with a total student population of approximately 1600 students in grades PreK-12.

The GRCSU "Central Office" oversees all aspects of the operation of the schools, including curriculum oversight, professional development, supervision and evaluation, human resources management, policies and procedures, grants, as well as all financial aspects of the schools and districts. The GRCSU Business Office, headed by Louis Milazzo, is responsible for purchasing, contracted services, payroll, bill payment, developing and monitoring budgets, overseeing all grant money, and working with auditors to make sure our financial practices are sound. GRCSU Student Support Services, which includes Special Education, is headed by Christine Kamm and includes all special education administrators, teachers, paraeducators, psychologists, PT, OT as well as Speech and PreK coordination. Greg Connors heads the GRCSU's IT Department, which is responsible for maintaining all of the technology in the schools.

Over the past two and a half years, our GRCSU schools have been operating in an unprecedented time with COVID-19. At the end of the last school year, we were fortunate that we were able to offer in-person graduation and promotion ceremonies that allowed our communities and families to celebrate these milestone events in our students' lives appropriately. In addition, our GRCSU schools provided other traditional end-of-year events for our students in all of our GRCSU schools.

The summer months saw our schools offer expanded enrichment programs that allowed our students to re-engage and connect with one another. Our diverse and engaging enrichment programs had a strong emphasis on academic and social/emotional growth while promoting student learning and interests through the acquisition of new skills. Based on the popularity and demand for these programs, our schools will continue offering enrichment programs during the summer of 2022. Information on our summer programming will be available later this spring.

As the summer drew to a close, there was a sense of optimism and hope that the 2021-2022 school year would see a return to normalcy. Unfortunately, COVID-19 continues to impact our schools' programming at this time. No longer operating under a state of emergency, we saw our GRCSU schools return to five days of "in-person" learning with the Vermont Agency of Education, Vermont Department of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and American Association of Pediatrics mitigation measures in place.

Through the fall, the impact mandatory quarantines had on our families and our students' learning and attendance was significant. In order to lessen the impact felt by positive COVID cases in our communities, we were excited to be able to offer the new Test to Stay (TTS) program that allows students who have been identified as close contacts due to a school-based exposure to antigen test at school each morning for the next seven days. Students who continue to test negative and remain symptom-free are able to continue to participate in their classes and building-based educational programs. We have already seen this program have a strong positive impact on school attendance.

In addition, thanks to federal funding received through the “Seamless Summer” program, our GRCSU schools were able to continue to provide free breakfast and lunch for all families over the course of this year. While this school year has presented us with another set of unique challenges for our staff and community members to overcome, it has been a joy to see all of our students back in school and learning. We also have been impressed with the resiliency and positive attitudes of our students this past year. Lastly, we have been extremely proud of the hard work and dedication of our GRCSU staff as they continue to provide all of our students with access to a high-quality education.

Last spring, the Vermont Agency of Education required school systems to develop “Recovery Plans” to address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on three areas: student engagement and truancy, social-emotional health and wellbeing, and academic success. These plans are supported through the federal grant program, ESSER, dedicated to pandemic recovery. Our Recovery Plan task forces have been meeting since last spring to develop action plans, initiate programs, and share resources to support all GRCSU students. While COVID-19 continues to impact student learning on an ongoing basis, we are already deeply engaged in developing and refining the interventions and supports that will help our students to achieve academic and personal success as we transition from pandemic to endemic over time. For more information on the GRCSU “Recovery Plans”, please visit our GRCSU website ([grcsu.org](http://grcsu.org)) and click on the link entitled “Re-Opening Plan and Recovery Plan”.

While the majority of our work over the past ten months has been centered on COVID-19 and on our students’ social, emotional, and academic well-being, we also have begun the process of developing a GRCSU “Portrait of a Graduate” and Strategic Plan that will engage all stakeholders (staff, students, parents, and community members) in setting a vision for the future of the GRCSU. This vision will be informed by diverse perspectives, responsive to our learners’ needs, and inspire both ownership and action. A Portrait of a Graduate is a collective vision that articulates our community’s aspirations for all of our students. The Portrait of a Graduate, once approved, will serve as our “north star” in developing the GRCSU’s Strategic Plan.

At the conclusion of this visioning process (June 2022), the GRCSU Strategic Plan will result in all GRCSU learners having access to equitable, high-quality learning experiences that provide for the acquisition of rigorous academic content, and are intentional about fostering critical thinking, communication, collaboration, creativity, and other 21st-century skills our learners need to thrive in this complex and rapidly changing world. Once the Portrait of a Graduate and Strategic Plan have been approved by the GRCSU board, copies will be made available to the public and this information will be posted on our GRCSU website ([grcsu.org](http://grcsu.org)).

In addition to the work outlined above, the GRCSU is interested in collaborating with our stakeholders to improve the quality of our schools so that each of our students has access to a high-quality education that ultimately prepares them for whichever path they choose in life. If you are interested in hearing more about this work or in taking a more active role in this process, please attend a local school board meeting or reach out to your local building principal.

We would like to thank our board members for all of their hard work not just on the budgets, but throughout the entire year. They are committed to being fiscally responsible while also doing what is right for our children - a delicate balancing act.

Please remember to vote on Town Meeting Day, March 1, 2022. For more information, visit our website at [www.grcsu.org](http://www.grcsu.org) or call 802-775-4342 or email us at your convenience.

Yours in Education,

***Chris Sell***

Chris Sell  
GRCSU Superintendent

***Lisa Mattison***

Lisa Mattison  
GRCSU Assistant Superintendent

**Director of Student Support Services  
Annual Report  
January 2022**

We entered the 2021-2022 school year hopeful that the uncertainty and disruption of COVID-19 would be behind us. Despite the continued COVID related challenges, we have been fortunate to have our students back in school full-time.

Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union (GRCSU) provides special education programming in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 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.

GRCSU is currently serving 314 students who qualify for the support of an Individualized Education Plan. Those students range from 3-22 years of age. Students who are referred are evaluated by our team of school psychologists and educational diagnosticians. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and skilled professional staff which, in addition to our school psychologists and diagnosticians, includes special educators, along with an interdisciplinary team of speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, behavioral support staff, and instructional assistants.

This year staffing has been an ongoing challenge as it is for our nation as a whole. To that end, with new Agency of Education rules, we have been able to extend opportunities to our own instructional assistants who met the AOE's criteria to become provisionally licensed special educators. Recruitment of instructional assistants continues to be our most significant need. With that said, we are working hard to ensure that students are provided academic and social emotional support by the most qualified individuals available.

As a supervisory union, professional development has focused on Universal Design for Learning (UDL). Supervisory Union focus on UDL has increased collaboration across disciplines to ensure classroom lessons are intentionally planned to be inclusive of all students.

We appreciate the collaboration with the staff, students, families and community of Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union to meet the needs of all students. If you have any questions, please contact the GRCSU office at 802-775-4342.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kamm  
Director of Student Service

Kimberly Stedman  
Assistant Director of Student Service



January 11, 2022

To Ira Town SD Taxpayers:

The Ira Town School District audit of the financial statements as of and for the year ending June 30, 2022 by RHR Smith and Company has been completed. Copies of the report are available for review at the GRCSU office located at 16 Evelyn St, Rutland, VT 05701.

Sincerely,

Louis Milazzo  
Business Manager



**Ira School District**  
**FY23 Budget - Board Approved 1/11/22**

Account	FY21 Actuals	FY22 Budget	FY23 Budget	Variance
<b>101-2101-450-00-1 Local Revenue</b>				
101-2101-450-00-1510-0000 Interest Income	\$ 834.25	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,500.00)
101-2101-450-00-1980-0010 PY Assessment Refund	\$ 1,291.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
101-2101-450-00-5400-0000 Prior Year Carryover	\$ 43,014.90	\$ -	\$ 7,235.52	\$ 7,235.52
	<b>\$ 45,140.85</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,235.52</b>	<b>\$ 5,735.52</b>
<b>101-2101-450-00-3 State Revenue</b>				
101-2101-450-00-3110-0000 State Support Grant	\$ 633,604.00	\$ 650,012.00	\$ 723,328.20	\$ 73,316.20
101-2101-450-00-3114-0000 From State to Tech Cente	\$ 19,940.00	\$ 21,429.00	\$ 22,828.00	\$ 1,399.00
	<b>\$ 653,544.00</b>	<b>\$ 671,441.00</b>	<b>\$ 746,156.20</b>	<b>\$ 74,715.20</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 698,684.85</b>	<b>\$ 673,941.00</b>	<b>\$ 754,391.72</b>	<b>\$ 80,450.72 10.7%</b>
<b>101-2101-510 Elementary Tuition Expens</b>				
101-2101-510-11-1100-5610 In State Tuition	\$ 223,570.86	\$ 197,689.00	\$ 180,900.00	\$ (16,789.00)
101-2101-510-11-1100-5660 Private School Tuition	\$ -	\$ 16,750.00	\$ 7,121.42	\$ (9,628.58)
101-2101-510-11-1100-5910 Excess Costs	\$ 19,212.16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<b>\$ 242,783.02</b>	<b>\$ 214,439.00</b>	<b>\$ 188,021.42</b>	<b>\$ (26,417.58)</b>
<b>101-2101-511-11-PreK Tuition</b>				
101-2101-511-11-1100-5610 PreK tuition Public	\$ 3,445.00	\$ -	\$ 3,656.00	\$ 3,656.00
	<b>\$ 3,445.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,656.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,656.00</b>
<b>101-2101-530-11 Secondary Tuition Expense</b>				
101-2101-530-11-1100-5610 In State Tuition	\$ 254,695.00	\$ 288,669.00	\$ 338,044.00	\$ 49,375.00
101-2101-530-11-1100-5660 Private Tuition	\$ 79,132.00	\$ 50,250.00	\$ 94,049.30	\$ 43,799.30
101-2101-530-11-1100-8970 Prior Year Tuition	\$ (4,045.24)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<b>\$ 329,781.76</b>	<b>\$ 338,919.00</b>	<b>\$ 432,093.30</b>	<b>\$ 93,174.30</b>
<b>101-2101-530-31 Vocational Tuition Expense</b>				
101-2101-530-31-1300-5680 Vocational On Behalf Pay	\$ 19,940.00	\$ 21,429.00	\$ 22,828.00	\$ 1,399.00
101-2101-530-31-1300-5690 Vocational Tuition	\$ 18,892.02	\$ 20,266.00	\$ 20,911.00	\$ 645.00
	<b>\$ 38,832.02</b>	<b>\$ 41,695.00</b>	<b>\$ 43,739.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,044.00</b>
<b>101-2101-550-11-23 Board of Education</b>				
101-2101-550-11-2311-3490 Professional Services	\$ 1,507.10	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ -
101-2101-550-11-2311-5910 Liability Insurance	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ (1,000.00)
101-2101-550-11-2311-6100 Supplies	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
101-2101-550-11-2314-3410 Audit	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
	<b>\$ 4,507.10</b>	<b>\$ 7,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,600.00</b>	<b>\$ (1,000.00)</b>
<b>101-2101-550-11-25 Fiscal Services</b>				
101-2101-550-11-2510-8300 Interest Expense	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**Ira School District  
FY23 Budget - Board Approved 1/11/22**

Account	FY21 Actuals	FY22 Budget	FY23 Budget	Variance	
<b>101-2101-550-11-2590 Assessment Expense</b>					
101-2101-550-11-2590-5930 Assessment	\$ 42,039.00	\$ 39,017.00	\$ 37,836.00	\$ (1,181.00)	
	<b>\$ 42,039.00</b>	<b>\$ 39,017.00</b>	<b>\$ 37,836.00</b>	<b>\$ (1,181.00)</b>	
<b>101-2101-550-11-5210- PY Adjustments</b>					
101-2101-550-11-5210-5610 PY Tuiton Adj	\$ (648.38)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	<b>\$ (648.38)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>101-2101-550-22 Special Ed Assessment Exp</b>					
101-2101-550-22-2490-5930 Special Ed Assessment	\$ 30,709.81	\$ 32,071.00	\$ 42,246.00	\$ 10,175.00	
	<b>\$ 30,709.81</b>	<b>\$ 32,071.00</b>	<b>\$ 42,246.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,175.00</b>	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$691,449.33</b>	<b>\$ 673,941.00</b>	<b>\$ 754,391.72</b>	<b>\$ 80,450.72</b>	<b>11.9%</b>
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 7,235.52</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>Total Educational Spending</b>	<b>\$646,308.48</b>	<b>\$ 671,441.00</b>	<b>\$ 746,156.20</b>	<b>\$ 74,715.20</b>	<b>11.1%</b>

# GREATER RUTLAND COUNTY SUPERVISORY UNION

## Ira School District Assessment Summary

**FY23**

### Summary of Assessments

Curriculum Administration	\$	157,486
General Administration	\$	426,757
Fiscal Services	\$	631,338
Technology Services	\$	556,125
Plant Operations	\$	86,732
Special Ed	\$	6,981,784
<b>Total</b>	\$	<b>8,840,222</b>

Anticipated Non Assessment Revenue \$ 4,526,397

**Amount to be Assessed to School Districts** \$ 4,313,825

**Assessment to Ira School District** \$ 80,453

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

## Estimated Students & Tuition Rates for Fiscal 2022-2023

<u>Elementary School</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Estimated Student Count</u>	<u>Estimated &amp; Budgeted Tuition Rate</u>	<u>Estimated &amp; Budgeted Total Tuition</u>
West Rutland Elementary	K-6	7	\$ 15,000	\$ 105,000
Castleton_Hubbardton	K-6	2	\$ 15,450	\$ 30,900
Middletown Springs Elem	K-6	3	\$ 15,000	\$ 45,000
Rutland Area Christian School	K-6	1	\$ 7,121	\$ 7,121
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$ 188,021</b>
<b>Secondary School</b>				
Rutland Town School	7-8	1	\$ 16,500	\$ 16,500
Mill River H.S	7-12	4	\$ 17,098	\$ 68,392
West Rutland H.S.	7-12	12.5	\$ 17,500	\$ 218,750
Rutland Public School	7-12	2	\$ 17,201	\$ 34,402
LiHigh School	7-12	1	\$ 17,347	\$ 17,347
Long Trail School	7-12	4	\$ 17,347	\$ 69,389
MSJ	7-12	1	\$ 7,313	\$ 7,313
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>25.5</b>	<b>\$ 110,307</b>	<b>\$ 432,093</b>
<b>Grant Total</b>		<b>38.5</b>		<b>\$ 620,115</b>

### Ira Town School District FY23 Budget

	<u>FY22</u>	<u>FY23</u>	<u>Change %</u>
Education Spending	\$ 671,441	\$ 746,156	11.1%
Equalized Pupils	41.25	41.79	1.3%
Education Spending Per Equalized Pupil	\$ 16,277	\$ 17,855	9.7%
Estimated State Yield	\$ 11,317	\$ 12,937	14.3%
Estimated Tax Rate	\$ 1.4383	\$ 1.3801	-4.0%
Common Level of Appraisal	96.09%	89.50%	-6.9%
Estimated Tax Rate post CLA	\$ 1.4968	\$ 1.5421	3.0%

**Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union  
2021-2022 Staff List**

<b>GRCSU - Central Office Based &amp; Shared Employees</b>					
<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Grant Funded</b>
Alderman	Lori	Bookkeeper	1.00	\$ 44,516	0.00%
Bailey	Cara	School Psychologist	1.00	\$ 60,180	90.00%
Bennett	Abby	SEL Coordinator	1.00	\$ 63,000	100.00%
Chamberlain	Shauna	Board Secretary	-	\$ 1,872	0.00%
Celauro	Sandra	PBL Coach	1.00	\$ 67,000	100.00%
Coltey	Jennifer	PBL Coach	1.00	\$ 53,382	100.00%
Connors	Greg	Administrator	1.00	\$ 95,605	0.00%
Connors	Kennedy	SLP	1.00	\$ 49,835	0.00%
Covino	Vincent	IT Tech	1.00	\$ 56,752	0.00%
Dambrackas	Deborah	Benefit Specialist	1.00	\$ 54,894	0.00%
Daub	Neil	IT Tech	1.00	\$ 52,785	0.00%
Englese	Susan	Medicaid Clerk	0.50	\$ 22,770	100.00%
Gardner III	Milton	IT Sysytem Admin	1.00	\$ 58,939	0.00%
Gregoritsch	Albert	Data Manager	1.00	\$ 63,250	100.00%
Hansen	Kristi	Evaluator	1.00	\$ 63,539	50.00%
Hayes	Angela	PreK Program Coordinator	0.38	\$ 21,600	100.00%
Hughes	Janet	Admin Asst	1.00	\$ 48,943	80.00%
Hutchins	Elizabeth	SR Financial Analyst	1.00	\$ 55,000	0.00%
Jalbert	William	IT Tech	1.00	\$ 49,966	0.00%
Kamm	Christine	Administrator	1.00	\$ 100,017	87.50%
Loomis	Katy	Early Learning Coord/Teacher	1.00	\$ 48,886	0.00%
Manning	Jodi	SLP	1.00	\$ 81,812	0.00%
Marino	Kathy	Bookkeeper	1.00	\$ 43,284	0.00%
Mattison	Lisa	Administrator	1.00	\$ 96,900	45.00%
McGee	Heather	Bookkeeper	1.00	\$ 46,280	0.00%
McGill	Nancy	PreK Program Coordinator	0.13	\$ 7,200	100.00%
McGinnis	Kelsey	OT	1.00	\$ 54,621	0.00%
McGuiness	Kristine	Exec Asst to the Superintendent	1.00	\$ 46,855	0.00%
Milazzo	Louis	Administrator	1.00	\$ 100,500	0.00%
Milliman	Jesse	School Psychologist	1.00	\$ 76,657	90.00%
Mitchell	Ali	PT	1.00	\$ 64,297	0.00%
Moriarity	Shannon	Web Design Data Master	1.00	\$ 46,818	0.00%
Patterson	Lori	Evaluator	1.00	\$ 64,785	0.00%
Pease	Janelle	Early Learning Coord	1.00	\$ 55,649	100.00%
Proctor	Heather	SLP	1.00	\$ 53,157	0.00%
Riter	Lindsay	Literacy Coordinator	1.00	\$ 73,500	100.00%
Sell	Christopher	Administrator	1.00	\$ 139,000	0.00%
Short	Sally	PT	0.06	\$ 5,798	0.00%
Smith	Corey	PBL Coach	1.00	\$ 18,732	100.00%
Stedman	Kimberly	Administrator	1.00	\$ 86,190	87.50%

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Grant Funded</b>
Sweet	Christina	Tooth Tutor	0.37	\$ 17,241	0.00%
Temple	Rachelle	COTA	0.53	\$ 22,334	0.00%
Thomas	Margaret	Administrator	1.00	\$ 68,289	0.00%
Thomas	Partricia	OT	1.00	\$ 71,745	0.00%
Trombetta	Wendy	Sped Teacher	1.00	\$ 53,157	0.00%
Van Guilder	Tina	LEA Coordinator	1.00	\$ 66,300	100.00%
Weeden	Heather	SLP	1.00	\$ 76,828	0.00%
Wehof	Alena	PBL Coach	1.00	\$ 60,000	100.00%
White	Kevin	School Psychologist	1.00	\$ 73,405	0.00%
Wilson	Heather	SLP	1.00	\$ 51,496	0.00%
Wolinsky	Julie	SLP	1.00	\$ 61,463	0.00%
Zeller	Chelsea	Admin Asst	1.00	\$ 41,600	0.00%

District: <b>Ira</b> SU: <b>Greater Rutland County</b>		<b>T101</b> Rutland County		Property dollar equivalent yield <b>12,937</b>	<--See bottom note	Homestead tax rate per \$12,937 of spending per equalized pupil <b>1.00</b>	
			<b>15,484</b>			Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income	
<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>FY2020</b>	<b>FY2021</b>	<b>FY2022</b>		<b>FY2023</b>	
1.	<b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$657,528	\$710,903	\$673,941		\$754,392	
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-		-	
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	NA	NA	NA		-	
4.	<b>Locally adopted or warned budget</b>	\$657,528	\$710,903	\$673,941		\$754,392	
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-		-	
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-		-	
7.	<b>Total Budget</b>	\$657,528	\$710,903	\$673,941		\$754,392	
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-		\$80,082	
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-		-	
<b>Revenues</b>							
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$39,788	\$57,359	\$2,500		\$8,236	
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-		-	
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	NA	NA	NA		NA	
13.	<b>Offsetting revenues</b>	\$39,788	\$57,359	\$2,500		\$8,236	
14.	<b>Education Spending</b>	\$617,740	\$653,544	\$671,441		\$746,156	
15.	Equalized Pupils	42.36	42.39	41.25		41.80	
<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>		<b>\$14,583.10</b>	<b>\$15,417.41</b>	<b>\$16,277.36</b>		<b>\$17,850.63</b>	
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-		-	
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$60,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	-	-	-		-	
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)	-	-	-		-	
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-		-	
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-		-	
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	Exempt	-	-		-	
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-		-	
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	-	-	-		-	
25.	minus Costs incurred when sampling drinking water outlets, implementing lead remediation, or retesting.	-	-	-		-	
26.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$18,311 \$18,311.00	threshold = \$18,756 \$18,756.00	threshold = \$18,789 \$18,789.00		threshold = \$19,997 \$19,997.00	
27.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	2 year suspension		2 year suspension	
28.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$14,583	\$15,417	\$16,277		\$17,850.63	
29.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	136.956% based on yield \$10,648	140.184% based on yield \$10,883	143.831% based on \$10,763		137.981% based on yield \$10,763	
<b>Prorating the local tax rate</b>							
30.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$17,850.63 ÷ (\$12,937 / \$1.00)]	\$1.3696 based on \$1.00	\$1.4018 based on \$1.00	\$1.4383 based on \$1.00		\$1.3798 based on \$1.00	
31.	Percent of Ira equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%		100.00%	
32.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.38)	\$1.3696	\$1.4018	\$1.4383		\$1.3798	
33.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	100.93%	97.14%	96.09%		89.50%	
34.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.3798 / 89.50%)	\$1.3570 based on \$1.00	\$1.4431 based on \$1.00	\$1.4968 based on \$1.00		\$1.5417 based on \$1.00	
<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>							
35.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$17,850.63 ÷ \$15,484) x 2.00%]	2.23% based on 2.00%	2.28% based on 2.00%	2.36% based on 2.00%		2.31% based on 2.00%	
36.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.31%)	2.23% based on 2.00%	2.28% based on 2.00%	2.36% based on 2.00%		2.31% based on 2.00%	
37.	#N/A	-	-	-		-	
38.	#N/A	-	-	-		-	

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$13,846 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value, an income yield of \$16,705 for a base income percent of 2.0%, and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.385. **THESE FIGURES USE THE ESTIMATED \$90,000,000 SURPLUS FROM THE EDUCATION FUND. I DO NOT EXPECT THAT SURPLUS WILL BE USED TO INCREASE THE YIELDS.** I would suggest using the figures provided without the surplus: \$12,937 for the property yield, \$15,484 for the income yield, and \$1.482 for the non-homestead tax rate.  
 - Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.

## **CHILD FIND NOTICE**

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

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

The Principal of the school which the child is or will be likely to attend  
OR  
The Superintendent of Schools  
Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union  
16 Evelyn Street, Rutland, VT 05701  
Tel: 802-775-4342

Referral information will be handled in confidence. The referral may lead to an evaluation of the child to determine if he or she is eligible for and in need of special education. If the answer is yes, an individualized educational plan will be developed and implemented by a 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 Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union and its member districts, will not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities including vocational education and special instruction as and to the extent provided by law.

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

*Principal Poultney Elementary School, 96 School Circle, Poultney, VT 05764 Tel: 287-5212*  
*Principal Poultney High School, 154 East Main Street, Poultney, VT 05764 Tel: 287-5861*  
*Principal Proctor Elementary School, 14 School Street, Proctor, VT 05765 Tel: 459-2225*  
*Principal Proctor Jr./Sr. High School, 4 Park Street, Proctor, VT 05765 Tel: 459-3353*  
*Principal Rutland Town School, 1612 Post Road, Rutland, VT Tel: 775-0566*  
*Principal Middletown Spr Elementary School, 15 Schoolhouse Road, Middletown Springs, VT Tel: 855-5155*  
*Principal Wells Village School, 36 MWA Loop, Wells, VT 05774 Tel: 645-0386*  
*Principal West Rutland School, 713 Main Street, West Rutland, VT 05777 Tel: 438-2288*  
*Superintendent GRCSU, 16 Evelyn Street, Rutland, VT 05701 Tel: 775-4342*

Additional inquiries regarding the provisions of the federal law related to children or adults with handicapping conditions or disabilities impacting the Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union or its member districts including Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act can be obtained by contacting the Superintendent of Schools, Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union, 16 Evelyn Street, Rutland, VT 05701, Tel: 775-4342



# NOTICE TO VOTERS

## For Annual Town and School Elections

### **BEFORE ELECTION DAY:**

**CHECKLIST POSTED** at Clerks Office by January 30, 2022. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 9, 2022.

**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 and School Election** is the close of the Town Clerk's office on **Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 2:30pm**. (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 proceeding 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 current and valid photo identification, or a bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name/current address.

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

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

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

### **NO PERSON SHALL:**

Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.

Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.

Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.

Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.

Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

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

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

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

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

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS using Australian Ballots

### CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE BALLOTS:

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

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

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

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

**LEAVE** the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail.

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### Changes to Town Meeting for 2022

Due to the continued spread COVID-19, the VT Legislature granted select boards the authority to move to Australian ballot for all business conducted at the annual town meeting.

There will be a virtual informational meeting on February 28, 2022, at 7:00 pm. You can participate in the informational meeting by computer or calling in by telephone. You will be able to ask questions during the meeting on the articles being voted on.

### IRA TOWN INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Monday, February 28, 2022, at 7pm

Join with Google Meet

**[meet.google.com/vmz-upgj-hft](https://meet.google.com/vmz-upgj-hft)**

Join by phone

(US) **1 570-427-3287** (PIN: **523 105 882#**)

Voting by Australian ballot for all budgets, articles and town officers will be held at the Town Office on Town Meeting Day, March 1, 2022, from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. You can vote in person, vote early during town office hours, or request an absentee ballot. If you have questions, contact Karen Davis at the town office at 802-235-2745.

Town of Ira  
Warning 2022 Annual Town & School Meeting  
February 28, 2022 – Informational Hearing (virtual only)  
March 1, 2022 Annual Town Meeting

The legal voters of the Town of Ira, County of Rutland, State of Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet on Monday, February 28, 2022 virtually via Google Meet at 7:00 P.M. for a public informational hearing to discuss articles to be voted on by Australian ballot, and to meet at the Ira Town Office at 53 West Road in Ira on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. to vote by Australian ballot on the following articles:

Link for February 28, 2022, virtual Informational Hearing at 7:00 P.M.

GOOGLE MEET: [meet.google.com/vmz-upgj-hft](https://meet.google.com/vmz-upgj-hft)

or join by phone: 1 570-427-3287 PIN: 523 105 882#

**Annual School Meeting:**

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

- School Moderator for a 1 year term
- School Director for a 3 year term

Article 2: **School Budget:** Shall the voters of the Ira School District approve the school board to expend \$754,391.72 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? (By Australian Ballot) It is estimated that this proposed budget if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,855 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 9.7 % more than spending for the current year.

**Annual Town Meeting:**

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

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

Article 2: Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes to the Town Treasurer on or before October 18, 2022?

Article 3: Shall the voters authorize the total expenditure of \$320,393 for the Town General Fund and Highway Fund for the fiscal year 7/1/22 – 6/30/23, for which \$238,590 shall be raised by taxes and \$81,803 by non-property tax revenue?

Article 4: Shall the voters appropriate \$11,520 to be raised by taxes for the Rutland County Sheriff's Department, in addition to \$12,000 included in the General Fund expenditures in Article 3 above for a total of \$23,520?

Article 5: Shall the voters appropriate \$48,550 to the Ira Volunteer Fire Department to provide services to the residents of Ira?

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

Article 7: Shall the voters appropriate \$3,007 to the Rutland Free Library to provide services to the residents of Ira?

Article 8: Shall the voters appropriate \$973 to the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region to provide home care and hospice services to the residents of Ira?

Article 9: Shall the voters appropriate \$300 to the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging to provide elder services to the residents of Ira?


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

Article 11: Shall the voters appropriate \$250 to support the Bird's Eye View?

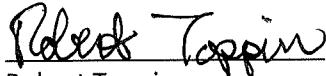
Article 12: Shall the voters appropriate \$250 to support The Rutland County Parent Child Center to support integrate Whole Family Services?

Dated at Ira, Vermont, January 24, 2022

Select Board



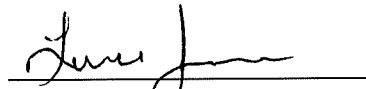
Nathan Hewitt, Chair



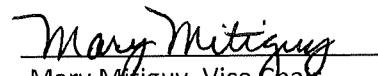
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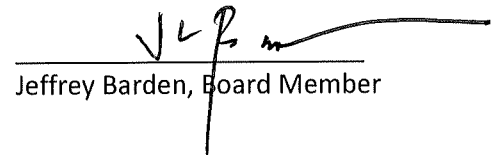
School Board



Lance Jones, Chair

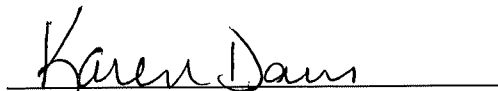


Mary Mitiguy, Vice Chair



Jeffrey Barden, Board Member

A true copy, attested and duly recorded  
As required by law on January 24, 2022



Karen Davis, Town Clerk

## Town Officers

March 2021 Election

Position	Officer	Year Elected	Term	Term Ends
Auditors	Tina Graves	March 2018	3 Year	2021
	Christine Tyminski	March 2020	3 Year	2023
	Therese Genovesi	March 2021	3 Year	2022
Delinquent Tax Collector	Deborah Perry	March 2021	1 Year	2022
First Constable	Fran Lloyd	March 2020	2 Year	2022
Listers	Karen Davis	March 2019	3 Year	2022
	Janine Peterson	March 2021 to complete the remaining 2 yrs. of 3-year term	3 Year	2023
	James Genovesi	March 2021	3 Year	2024
Moderator (Town & School)	Mary Mitiguy	March 2021	1 Year	2022
School Directors	Mary Mitiguy	March 2021	3 Year	2023
	Lance Jones	March 2018	3 Year	2021
	vacant	No declared winner	3 Year	2022
Select Board	Jeff Barden	March 2020 to complete the remaining 2 yrs. of 3-year term	3 Year	2022
	Robert Toppin	March 2021	3 Year	2024
	Nathan Hewitt	March 2020	3 Year	2023
Town Clerk	Karen Davis	March 2021	3 Year	2024
Town Treasurer	Deborah Perry	March 2021	3 Year	2024
Justices	Mary Ann Black	November 2020	2 Year	2022
	Alta Johnston	November 2020	2 Year	2022
	Madeline Kerstetter	November 2020	2 Year	2022
	Larry Taggart	November 2020	2 Year	2022
	Bob Toppin	November 2020	2 Year	2022

## Appointed Officers

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

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