

2020 Annual Report



Ira Center School



Ira High School



Tower Hill School



Jones' School

Town of Ira

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

Historic Ira School Houses



Students at the Hopfield School

This year we would like to dedicate the Town Report to the Ira School Houses.

Many thanks to Lew Hoffman for scouting out our local history and providing the photographs of the schools and to Zoë Davis for putting together this cover.

Ira Center School - 1780-1991
District 2 on the 1869 Beers Map
School House off from West Road

Ira Select School - 1800 – present
District 2 on the 1869 Beers Map
Current Ira Town Hall

Tower Hill School – prior to 1869-1915
District 3 on the 1869 Beers Map
Was located at corner of West & Cross Roads and was destroyed by fire in 1915

Jones' School – prior to 1869- ??
District 1 on the 1869 Beers Map
Was located on Route 133 South and was relocated to Waitsfield, VT in 1979

Hopfield School – prior to 1869-1946
District 4 on the 1869 Beers Map
Was located on Route 4a in North Ira and burned in 1954 by a lightning strike

Brookside School – prior to 1869 -1950
District 7 on the 1869 Beers Map
Is located on Route 133 and is currently a privately owned home

Bird Mountain School – 1857-1874
District 5 on the 1869 Beers Map
Was located at the top of Ira Birdseye's Road and no longer exists.



Students at the Brookside School



Bird Mountain School (pre-1869-1950). Sketch by

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**AUDITORS' REPORT
FY20**


We have examined the financial records for the Town of Ira for the year ending June 30, 2020. 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, 2020.

Dated January 12, 2021 at the Town of Ira.

William Whiteman Jr.



Tina Graves



Christine Tyminski

Treasurer's Financial Statements

STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCES		
AS OF JUNE 30, 2020		
General Operating – Merchants	\$	157,120.56
Petty Cash		300.00
Money Market – Merchants		
Building Reserve	\$	35,000.00
Cemetery Fund		26,528.63
Professional Audit Reserve		16,500.00
Reappraisal Reserve		33,001.33
Garage Building Fund		40,000.00
Money Market – Merchants–Other		<u>78,365.32</u>
Total Money Market – Merchants	\$	229,395.28
Equipment Savings		88,774.04
George Putnam Fund		<u>6,758.00</u>
Total Cash Balances	\$	482,347.88

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

Ira Riverside Cemetery		
Operating Statement – July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020		
Revenue		
Lot Sales & Contributions	\$	1,400.00
Gain/Loss on Investment		562.06
Transfer from Town		<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Revenue	\$	2,962.06
Expenditures		
Repairs & Maintenance	\$	7,207.75
Grave & Related Expenses		918.60
Cemetery Wages		1,900.00
Payroll Taxes		<u>145.35</u>
Total Expenditures	\$	<u>10,171.70</u>
	\$	(7,209.64)

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TOWN OF IRA
STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND
REVENUES & EXPENDITURES - CASH BASIS
July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020

REVENUES		
CURRENT TAXES GENERAL FUND	\$	77,004.62
CURRENT TAXES HIGHWAY FUND		93,392.91
SCHOOL PROPERTY TAXES		565,205.19 *
MUNICIPAL TAX ADJUSTMENT		8,419.00
DELINQUENT TAX REVENUE		34,138.38
DELINQUENT TAX INTEREST		2,411.40
CURRENT USE		22,394.00
DOG LICENSES		162.00
BANK INTEREST		171.76
USE OF TOWN HALL		-
CIVIL FINES		3,987.46
RAILROAD TAX		79.05
FISH & GAME NATURAL RESOURCE/PILOT		7,613.38
MISC. OTHER REVENUE		100.16
OVERWEIGHT PERMITS		80.00
STATE AID TO BACK ROADS		11,557.69
HIGHWAY GRANTS		41,196.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	867,913.00
GENERAL EXPENDITURES		
SELECT BOARD SALARY	\$	2,700.00
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SALARY		2,000.00
HEALTH OFFICER		200.00
AUDITORS SALARY		600.00
PAYROLL TAXES		2,161.52
RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION		975.00
EDUCATION SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS		123.00
POSTAGE		858.02
PHOTOCOPIER		1,817.50
ADVERTISING NOTICES/HEARINGS		586.22
VLCT DUES		1,538.00
RUTLAND COUNTY TAX		3,575.44
REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE		1,728.00
INSURANCE LIABILITY		5,070.00
INSURANCE WORKERS COMP		2,215.00
TOWN OFFICE SUPPLIES		1,469.60
COMPUTER SOFTWARE/HARDWARE		4,441.76
TOWN REPORT		448.75
RECORDS RESTORATION		316.51
ELECTIONS		197.28
TRANSFER TO PROFESSIONAL AUDIT RESERVE		1,500.00
TRANSFER TO CEMETERY FUND		1,000.00
TOWN OFFICE MORTGAGE		15,300.00
MISCELLANEOUS		50.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY		8,000.00
LISTERS SALARY		1,800.00
CONSULTANT		1,529.13
TREASURER SALARY		8,000.00
CONSTABLE SALARY		200.00
LAW ENFORCEMENT		11,973.69
TOWN OFFICE ELECTRIC		729.76
TOWN OFFICE HEAT		826.55
TOWN OFFICE TELEPHONE		2,232.78
TOWN OFFICE REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE		2,261.70
TOWN OFFICE LAWN MOWING		1,048.00
TOWN OFFICE CLEANING		595.00
TOWN HALL ELECTRIC		541.43
TOWN HALL HEAT		965.38
TOWN HALL TELEPHONE		431.19
TOWN HALL REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE		1,893.35
TOWN HALL LAWN MOWING		547.00
TOWN HALL CLEANING		280.00
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENDITURES	\$	94,726.56

TOWN OF IRA
STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND
REVENUES & EXPENDITURES - CASH BASIS
July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020

ARTICLES		
IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT	\$	53,800.00
IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT - RESERVE FUND	\$	15,000.00
RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY		2,904.00
RAVNAH & HOSPICE		973.00
SOUTHWESTERN VT COUNCIL		300.00
RUTLAND MENTAL HEALTH		286.00
RSVP & VOLUNTEER CTR		375.00
BROC-Community Action		250.00
BIRD'S EYE VIEW		250.00
RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT		7,936.80
TOTAL ARTICLES	\$	82,074.80
HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES		
SALARIES	\$	11,478.00
PAYROLL TAXES		1,009.47
LABOR FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE		5,431.75
SIGNS/BRIDGES		40.00
ROADSIDE MOWING		1,300.00
WINTER SAND		15,757.00
GRAVEL		19,641.00
WINTER SALT		5,117.08
CHLORIDE		1,566.00
CULVERTS & INSTALLATION		6,397.20
DITCHING		11,001.00
GRADING		1,227.00
DIESEL FUEL FOR EQUIPMENT		2,918.07
TRUCK MAINTENANCE		17,321.86
GRADER MAINTENANCE		2,103.00
BACKHOE MAINTENANCE		7,552.14
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL FUND		26,000.00
MUNICIPAL ROAD PERMITS		500.00
TOWN GARAGE ELECTRIC		703.66
TOWN GARAGE HEAT		589.80
TOWN GARAGE REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE		3,706.21
TOWN GARAGE MISCELLANEOUS		42.00
GRANT EXPENSES		51,294.02
TOWN HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES	\$	192,696.26
TRANSFER TO SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$	565,205.19 *
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	934,702.81

* School taxes transferred to School District

SELECT BOARD BUDGET

	Budget FY20 7/1/19 - 6/30/20	Actual FY20 7/1/19 - 6/30/20	Working Budget FY21 7/1/20 - 6/30/21	Projected Budget FY22 7/1/21 - 6/30/22
TAX REVENUE				
CURRENT GENERAL FUND TAXES	38,534.93	77,004.62	69,146.00	66,253.00
MUNICIPAL TAX ADJUSTMENT	7,000.00	8,419.00	9,000.00	6,000.00
DELINQUENT TAX REVENUE	10,000.00	34,138.38	10,000.00	20,000.00
DELINQUENT TAX INTEREST	500.00	2,411.40	500.00	1,500.00
CURRENT USE	27,000.00	22,394.00	27,000.00	20,000.00
DOG LICENSES	200.00	162.00	200.00	200.00
BANK INTEREST	50.00	171.76	200.00	200.00
USE OF TOWN HALL	-	-	-	-
CIVIL FINES	1,500.00	3,987.46	2,000.00	3,000.00
RAILROAD TAX	-	79.05	-	-
F&G NAT RESOURCE/PILOT	7,000.00	7,613.38	7,500.00	7,600.00
MISC OTHER REVENUE	-	100.16	50.00	50.00
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	31,143.07	-	4,732.00	-
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE	122,928.00	156,481.21	130,328.00	124,803.00
GENERAL TOWN				
SELECTBOARD SALARY	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00
ADMIN ASST SALARY	2,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
HEALTH OFFICER	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
AUDITORS SALARY	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
PAYROLL TAXES	3,300.00	2,161.52	3,500.00	3,500.00
CONSULTANTS/TAX MAPS	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
RUTLAND REG PLANNING COM	1,000.00	975.00	975.00	975.00
EDUC SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS	750.00	123.00	750.00	750.00
POSTAGE	2,000.00	858.02	2,000.00	2,000.00
PHOTOCOPIER	2,400.00	1,817.50	3,000.00	3,000.00
LEGAL SERVICES	7,500.00	-	7,500.00	7,500.00
ADVERTISING NOTICES/HEARINGS	1,000.00	586.22	1,000.00	1,000.00
VLCT DUES	1,500.00	1,538.00	1,500.00	1,600.00
RUTLAND COUNTY TAX	3,700.00	3,575.44	4,100.00	3,500.00
REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE	1,728.00	1,728.00	1,728.00	1,728.00
INSURANCE LIABILITY	8,000.00	5,070.00	8,000.00	7,000.00
INSURANCE WORKERS COMP	6,000.00	2,215.00	6,000.00	4,000.00
TOWN OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,200.00	1,469.60	1,500.00	1,500.00
COMP SOFT/HARDWARE	5,000.00	4,441.76	8,500.00	6,000.00
TOWN REPORT	1,000.00	448.75	1,000.00	1,000.00
RECORDS RESTORATION	600.00	316.51	-	-
ELECTIONS	1,000.00	197.28	1,200.00	1,200.00
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	1,000.00
TOWN OFFICE MORTGAGE	10,625.00	10,625.00	10,625.00	10,625.00
MORTGAGE INTEREST	4,675.00	4,675.00	4,250.00	3,825.00
MISCELLANEOUS	250.00	50.00	250.00	250.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
ASST TOWN CLERK SALARY	500.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
LISTERS SALARY	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
CONSULTANT	4,000.00	1,529.13	4,000.00	4,000.00
TREASURER SALARY	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
CONSTABLE SALARY	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
LAW ENFORCEMENT	12,000.00	11,973.69	12,000.00	12,000.00
TOWN OFFICE ELECTRIC	1,200.00	729.76	1,300.00	1,300.00
TOWN OFFICE HEAT	1,200.00	826.55	1,500.00	1,500.00
TOWN OFFICE TELEPHONE	2,100.00	2,232.78	2,400.00	2,400.00
TOWN OFFICE REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	1,800.00	2,261.70	2,000.00	2,000.00
TOWN OFFICE LAWN MOWING	1,400.00	1,048.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
TOWN OFFICE CLEANING	1,100.00	595.00	1,300.00	1,700.00
MISC TOWN OFFICE	50.00	-	50.00	50.00
TOWN HALL LIGHTS	700.00	541.43	800.00	800.00
TOWN HALL HEAT	1,500.00	965.38	1,700.00	1,700.00
TOWN HALL TELEPHONE	450.00	431.19	700.00	700.00
TOWN HALL REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	3,000.00	1,893.35	1,500.00	1,500.00
TOWN HALL LAWN MOWING	1,200.00	547.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
TOWN HALL CLEANING	500.00	280.00	700.00	1,200.00
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENDITURES	122,928.00	94,726.56	130,328.00	124,803.00

SELECT BOARD BUDGET

	Budget FY20 7/1/19 - 6/30/20	Actual FY20 7/1/19 - 6/30/20	Working Budget FY21 7/1/20 - 6/30/21	Projected Budget FY22 7/1/21 - 6/30/22
ARTICLES				
IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT	53,800.00	53,800.00	53,800.00	
IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT - RESERVE FUND	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	
RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY	2,990.80	2,904.00	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	286.00	
RSVP & VOLUNTEER CTR	375.00	375.00	375.00	
BROC	250.00	250.00	-	
BIRD'S EYE VIEW	250.00	250.00	250.00	
RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT	7,936.80	7,936.80	10,840.00	
TOTAL ARTICLES	82,161.60	82,074.80	84,771.56	-
TOTAL GENERAL & ARTICLE EXPENDITURES	205,089.60	176,801.36	215,099.56	124,803.00

Highway Revenue

CURRENT HWY TAXES	93,392.91	93,392.91	136,786.00	178,940.00
OVERWEIGHT PERMITS	100.00	80.00	100.00	100.00
STATE AID TO BACK ROADS	11,000.00	11,557.69	11,000.00	11,000.00
HIGHWAY GRANTS	-	41,196.00		
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	36,657.09	-	20,504.00	
TOTAL HIGHWAY REVENUE	141,150.00	146,226.60	168,390.00	190,040.00

Highway

SALARIES	15,000.00	11,478.00	20,000.00	22,000.00
PAYROLL TAXES	5,000.00	1,009.47	5,000.00	4,000.00
LABOR FOR RD MAINTENANCE	8,000.00	5,431.75	10,000.00	10,000.00
SIGNS/BRIDGES	300.00	40.00	300.00	400.00
ROADSIDE MOWING	2,000.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	2,000.00
WINTER SAND AND TRUCKING	15,000.00	15,757.00	16,000.00	17,000.00
GRAVEL AND TRUCKING	20,000.00	19,641.00	20,000.00	24,000.00
WINTER SALT AND TRUCKING	6,000.00	5,117.08	6,500.00	6,500.00
CHLORIDE	2,000.00	1,566.00	2,200.00	3,200.00
CULVERTS & INSTALLATION	10,000.00	6,397.20	10,000.00	8,000.00
DITCHING	7,500.00	11,001.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
GRADING	10,000.00	1,227.00	10,000.00	6,000.00
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
DIESEL FUEL FOR EQUIPMENT	5,000.00	2,918.07	5,000.00	5,000.00
TRUCK MAINTENANCE	-	17,321.86		
GRADER MAINTENANCE	-	2,103.00		
BACKHOE MAINTENANCE	-	7,552.14		
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL FUND	26,000.00	26,000.00	45,000.00	60,000.00
MUNICIPAL ROAD PERMITS	500.00	500.00	740.00	740.00
TOWN GARAGE ELECTRIC	800.00	703.66	800.00	900.00
TOWN GARAGE HEAT	550.00	589.80	550.00	700.00
TOWN GARAGE REPAIRS/ MAINTENANCE	4,000.00	3,706.21	1,500.00	6,500.00
TOWN GARAGE MISC	500.00	42.00	500.00	100.00
GRANT EXPENSE	-	51,294.02		
TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES	141,150.00	192,696.26	168,390.00	190,040.00
TOTAL GENERAL & HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES	264,078.00	287,422.82	298,718.00	314,843.00

Select Board Report

The Town of Ira had another busy year. Many people have worked very hard to make Ira what it is today. The staff, officers of the town office, listers, auditors, the treasurer, the clerk, school directors, town agents, constables, health officers, cemetery committee & planning commission (to name a few), have worked hard on your behalf. As a result, there have been many accomplishments.

Town Roads:

1. A 'Better Back Roads' grant was received from the State of Vermont and **Weaver Hill Road** was reconstructed.
2. Of particular note is the effect of the changing weather patterns on the winter road budget. There were several warm-weather events causing an early and volatile mud season. Accordingly, over 40 loads of stone were put down last winter.

Town Garage:

A new loading ramp was installed at the end of the summer under the supervision of John Capen. The ramp will make loading winter sand safer and more efficient.

Town Hall: *(paid for by private donations & businesses)*

1. A heat pump was installed to provide heat and air conditioning on the second floor.
2. The walls upstairs were repaired and painted.
3. The upstairs floors were sanded and refinished. Four coats of finish were applied.
4. The Ira Historical Society has cleaned, organized, and set up artifacts on the second floor.

Town Building Maintenance:

Dave Kerstetter is performing, at a minimum, monthly checks on each of the (3) town buildings and he follows up with repairs as needed. The plan is to continue to enhance longevity and functionality with current and preventative maintenance. Madeline Kerstetter cleans the Town Hall and the Town Office is cleaned by the Town Clerk.

Town Equipment:

1. The **Kenworth Plow Truck** has completed its 4th winter and it required some much-needed maintenance. The truck has new tires and persistent electrical and hydraulic problems have been resolved. The long-term goal is to replace the truck after 7 years. The general maintenance and replacement reserves are accounted for in the annual budget.
2. The **John Deere Backhoe/loader** is aging (built in the late 1980's) and it is showing the results of exposure to winter salt. Due to the condition, the plan is to look for an alternative machine (used or rented) for next year.
3. The **Caterpillar Grader** was manufactured in the late 70's and it has completed its 4th summer for Ira. This winter the grader will go in for repairs for the hydraulic system.

Ira Town Plan:

The Town of Ira Planning Commission revised the Town Plan, hearings were held, and the Select Board adopted it. The Commission and a group of Ira residents applied for a Village Center Designation. The Town Plan and Village Center designation helped the Town of Ira receive a Municipal Planning Grant. The grant will be used to complete a conceptual design for the future structures that will be used for (including but not limited to): storing sand and salt, housing and maintaining town-owned equipment, and a multi-functional Fire House to meet the needs of the Ira Fire Department.

Thank you to all those that worked on the Village Center Designation as part of our Town Plan and the crew that put an application together for the Municipal Planning Grant. In December the Town of Ira

was awarded \$6547 by the Rutland Planning Commission for the project described above designated for future town land and buildings.

Town Hall/Town Office Gardens:

Thank you to the individuals that have kept up the town gardens in front of the Town office and hall. It's the little things sometimes that make the difference. Thank you to all!

In closing, while the pandemic caused by Covid-19 has been difficult for everybody, we appreciate the diligence and resiliency of all townspeople. Many meetings and events have been postponed or canceled. Everybody is looking forward to the summer of 2021 and everyone is undoubtedly hoping to get back to some kind of normalcy.

Respectfully,

Ira Select Board
Bob Toppin
Nathan Hewitt
Jeff Barden

Town Clerk Report

The Town Office has continued to be open throughout the COVID-19 pandemic to offer services to the residents and the public following recommended CDC safety guidelines. We recommend residents call ahead if they have business that needs to be handled at the office and appointments are required for researchers.

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 sprayed/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 71 dogs licensed in fiscal year 20 for revenue of \$162.00 for the town. Licenses will be available on Town Voting Day, March 2, 2021 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.

The Center for Tech and Civic Life awarded the Town of Ira a grant to purchase items to assist with the administration of safe and secure elections. Some of the items we were able to purchase were sneeze guards and PPE.

While 2020 was challenging in many ways the town office was able to adjust and continued to offer vehicle registration renewals, Fish & Wildlife licenses, copies of vital records, marriage licenses, Green Mountain Passports and free notary services. We appreciated everyone being patient, flexible and understanding during the difficulties presented by the pandemic. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (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, 2020

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Total Due</u>
Allen, Oakley H III	2020	\$ 424.30
Bowen, J	2020	6.96
Crossman, John & Linda	2019	252.52
	2020	1625.15
Czarnecki, Paul & Karen	2019	346.11
	2020	611.92
Davis, Edward J	2020	802.23
Dunbar, Christopher	2017	42.72
Dydo, Randy & Elaine	2020	1977.76
Fitzgerald, Clyde	2020	706.80
Haynes, Jason	2018	1757.10
	2019	1678.26
	2020	1073.27
Killoleet Rock, LLC	2020	1079.31
Killoleet Rock, LLC	2020	2964.36
Lee, David	2019	3901.54
	2020	4660.63
Lowe, James E Revocable Trust	2020	49.96
Macabee, Pamela	2017	529.40
	2018	627.33
	2019	933.57
	2020	1054.96
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
Notte, Albert	2020	1589.38
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
Shorey, Jill	2020	1857.20
Sumner, Lori & Kelton	2019	1.14
	2020	2359.04
		<hr/>
		\$34,539.35

TOWN HALL RENTAL PROCEDURES

Due to COVID-19 the Town Hall is currently closed to all meetings, activities, and events.

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 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 3rd 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.

Vital Statistics

	Deaths	
	Age	Date of Death
Lucelia F. Lincoln	97	January 26, 2020
Ilene Blackman	81	April 26, 2020

	Burials	
		Date of Burial
Leon G. Jones		March 20, 2020
Lucelia F. Lincoln		May 21, 2020
Effie Mae Brooks		July 1, 2020

Ira Cemetery Report

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic no meetings or workdays were held. Some individuals and families have been picking up litter and cleaning and straightening monuments. Several burials took place. Thank you to everyone that helps to keep the cemetery up!

Respectfully Submitted,

The Ira Cemetery Committee
Nathan S Hewitt, Chair
Barbara Favreau
Jean Marie Raiche

Regional Ambulance Service

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 34 calls in Ira during 2020.

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.

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 was passed on to Alta Johnston on February 18, 2020, after the passing of Lucelia Lincoln on January 26, 2020.

Past Recipients

**Carrie Perry
Stewart Lincoln**

**Ruth Johnson
Bessie Berg**

**Harry Berg
Enid DeDoming**

Lucelia Lincoln

Ira Planning Commission

The Ira Town Planning Commission had a productive year. Most of the work to renew the Ira Town Plan was accomplished before corona virus related limitations took effect. Working closely with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, Ira's Town Plan was renewed by the State and is good until 2028. In addition, Commission members pursued the Village Center Designation from the VT Agency of Commerce and Community Development, a move which may allow Ira to apply for rehabilitation grants through the agency in the future. Approved in September, the designated Village Center area encompasses the historic Town Hall, Town Offices, Ira Baptist Church, the one-room School House and the lands they occupy. Copies of the Ira Town Plan are available from the town clerk.

Ira Planning Commission:
Bob Kirbach, chair
Jeff Barden
Bob Kulig
Bob Toppin



The Rutland Regional Planning Commission (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 RRPC and Town of Ira continued working together in 2020 on many community development initiatives. Some highlights include:

- Assisted town to apply for and receive a Municipal Planning Grant for conceptual site designs for a new firehouse, town garage and salt shed.
- Provided technical support for the Municipal Roads General Permit.
- Supported the Town in the update and adoption of the Town Plan and provided assistance to pursue a new Village Center Designation.
- Worked to adopt the Rutland Region Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement.
- Assisted in securing PPE for municipal staff in response to COVID-19.
- Worked on completing FY20 Grants in Aid projects and securing FY21 funding for stormwater best practices.

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!

The Opera House | 67 Merchants Row | Rutland, Vermont
P.O. Box 430 | Rutland, Vermont 05701
RutlandRPC.org | (802) 775-0871

Friends of the Ira Town Hall

Thanks to the cooperation and generosity of many people, there has been a lot of progress this year toward restoring the second floor of the Ira Town Hall to a condition we can all be proud of. The Friends of the Town Hall are a group of people who are working toward the goal of maintaining the Town Hall and improving the building for a greater variety of uses, but we have only been able to accomplish our successes so far with the help of the rest of the Ira community.

The year began with the sale of most of the old theater seats that had been stored upstairs for many years. The historical society retained some for historical purposes, but now many have found homes in local residences. After those had been cleared out, work began on sprucing up the walls and floors. Jim Moore continued donating his time to work on the windows, making custom storm windows and repairing the windows and frames. Bruce Gee volunteered his time to paint the walls on the second floor. The walls are now a clean and light off-white color that brightens the whole space. Yankee Paint donated the paint.

Next, the upstairs floor was refinished by Don Tredtin. It is a beautiful solid wood floor and is a noticeable improvement. The Friends of the Ira Town Hall and the Ira Historical Society (IHS) paid for the floor refinishing. The IHS has done a nice job of cleaning and organizing their artifacts.

When the Town Hall was originally refurbished in 2001 the heating system that was installed was only equipped to heat the downstairs. The Friends of the Town Hall realized that in order to make the upstairs more comfortable in summer and winter an additional solution would be needed. Because of cost and generous rebates, a heat pump was the best answer. Permission was obtained from the Preservation Trust, funds were raised from many generous members of the community, and a heat pump was installed by Keyes Plumbing and Heating.

In addition to the work on the second floor, the downstairs has been spruced up with new curtains. The downstairs floor has been rebuffed and refinished and the linoleum floors have been stripped and waxed. Hopefully in the year ahead we will be able to resume using the town hall after the pandemic is behind us.

FRIENDS OF THE IRA TOWN HALL YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENT Year End June 30, 2020			
Beginning Balance		\$	4,226.45
Receipts			
Donations	\$350.00		
Total Receipts		\$	350.00
Expenditures			
D.H.P LLC	\$75.00		
Don Tredtin	3500.00		
Total Expenditures		\$	3,575.00
Balance		\$	1,001.45

Ira Historical Society

The Ira Historical Society's website was rebuilt on a new platform and full transition to the new site occurred in late January. The Society wishes to thank Allyn Kahle and Lew Hoffman for the many hours dedicated to completing this rebuild. There are no costs associated with maintaining the new website and there is the added benefit of it being searchable. Browse the website at www.iravhs.com and learn some of the Town's history. As always, your feedback and additional insights into the Town's history are always welcome.

The Society had applied for an historical marker for the Ira Town Hall through the Vermont State Division of Historic Preservation. The marker was approved and in January was installed by VTRANS. It was the intent of the Society to hold a dedication ceremony in the spring which has been postponed indefinitely. We encourage you to stop by the Town Hall and see the historical marker.

The Vermont Historical Society offered a six-week "Intro to Museums" course which Allyn Kahle participated in and shared gained knowledge with the group.

The Society received donations and descendant research requests from individuals out-of-state which we were happy to accommodate.

The winter months will be spent to further organize and develop materials in preparation for the eventual opening of the Ira Historical Society's museum. An artifacts database has been created and is being used to categorize and log artifact history.

The Ira Historical Society is dedicated to preserving the history of the Town of Ira. The Society operates as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. Donations and membership fees are tax deductible. Annual membership is \$10 for individuals and \$15 for families. As always we encourage your membership and participation.

The Society's meeting schedule is posted on the website www.iravhs.com. The meetings are currently conducted via Zoom. Anyone interested in participating should contact Jerri Hoffman at 802-235-2279.



Rutland Free Library Update

As with most folks, Rutland Free Library's year divides into two parts. Before Covid-19, the Library was ahead on most if not all metrics; borrowing, attendance, programs, and online usage were all well ahead of last year and on pace for the busiest year in several years.

When Covid first hit, we were unsure which category of guidance to follow, but we stayed open until the schools closed, and the state eventually set standards for libraries to follow. Our goal from the start has been to provide a low-risk environment (as defined by VOSHA). Our outstanding staff continued to work hard behind the scenes, preparing for reopening, mostly from home, and we offered curbside service as soon as it was permitted.

We also increased our online offerings, buying more copies of more downloadable e-books and audiobooks, and adding Kanopy video streaming service. We were able to do this by tapping into our restricted endowment, which can only be used for materials and services. Library staff also generated and maintained pages on Covid information and on cultural offerings available to Rutland residents while in-person entertainment was unavailable. We also offered online Story Time and yoga on our YouTube channel.

Being able to provide so many services to so many users while the doors were closed is a good reminder that a library is not a building; it is the people who provide and use the services.

Online borrowing has been increasing about 2 percent per year, and we were on pace for about 10 percent of our loans to be delivered electronically; after the enforced closure we finished the year at about 12 percent. The free WiFi available around the building was also in regular demand.

Unsurprisingly, adding free services at a time when our users were suffering an economic shock was popular, as was curbside service.

As soon as the governor allowed staff into the building again, we got to work creating social distancing space, training staff on safety procedures, setting up a quarantine area in the lobby for all returned items, and putting up Plexiglas barriers and signage. With an assist from Foley Services, we got the needed supplies and cleaning, and were able to reopen June 2, the second library in the state to do so. As of Nov. 21 the library building was again closed to the public and we had curbside service only.

The library is committed to providing as many services as possible under pandemic conditions and looks forward to being able to return to full service and programming as soon as it is safe to do so.

The Rutland Free Library staff and Board of Trustees appreciate the past support of Ira residents. Our request for the March ballot is \$2,947.56 – the same amount as 2019.

Submitted by Allyn Kahle, Ira Representative to RFL Board of Trustees

RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2020 REPORT

The Rutland County Sheriff's Department is honored to continue to provide law enforcement services to your town. We strive to give the highest quality service possible and assist all citizens and town officials with the issues that arise today.

Deputy Cram continues to be assigned to this patrol. The connection with townspeople, town administration and historical knowledge he has of the town as well as the surrounding towns continues to be an asset when investigating crimes and solving town issues.

The cooperative patrol between the Town's of Ira, Tinmouth, Middletown and Danby has worked very well. Deputy Cram balances the number of hours each town gets making sure they all get their dedicated service. This cooperative patrol also provides each town 40 hours a week of coverage should the need arise Deputy Cram is available to respond. This agreement between the 4 towns is very advantageous for the residents of each town.

Activity in the Town of Ira this past year.

2019	2020	Activity
32	30	Total incidents
132	82	Traffic stops
81	62	Traffic tickets
60	38	Warnings
5	8	Arrests
1	4	DLS
2	3	Traffic crashes
5	5	Assists

Drug arrest 1

Operation of stolen vehicle 1

Stolen property received 1

Grossly negligent operation vehicle 1

Auto theft 1

I want to thank the residents of Ira for their continued support of the Rutland County Sheriff's Department during this exceedingly difficult year.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheriff David J. Fox

Ira Volunteer Fire Department

34 CALLS TOTAL FOR YEAR 2020:

7 Motor Vehicle Collision	17 EMS
7 Mutual Aid and Standby	2 Wildland
1 Structure fire	

2020 Membership

Tim Perry Firefighter, EMS	Dan Perry Fire Chief
Josh Melen Fire Officer, Treasurer	Steve Martelle Asst Fire Chief, EMS
Bill Johnson Firefighter	Bob Toppin Firefighter
Fran Lloyd Firefighter	Nick Cupoli Firefighter
Marcus Rockwell Firefighter	Jeff St.Germain Firefighter
Haley Parker, Firefighter, EMS	Amanda Harte Firefighter, EMS
Jean Raiche EMS	Lynn Wilson EMS
Bill Whiteman Assistant Treasurer	Ashley Melen Secretary
Lauren Martelle EMS	Macalyster Perry Jr. Firefighter
Bruce Gee, Board of Directors	Dave Kerstetter, Board of Directors

It has been a challenging year at the fire department. New changes and regulations have made us rethink the way we work and train. We celebrated the tenure of Chief Tim Perry. Congratulated Chief Dan Perry and Assistant Chief Steve Martelle. The introduction of Covid-19 prompted changes to come into effect to protect our members and society at large.

Training has changed this year. Multi-department training has stopped for now. We all hope to get back to the normal routines once the pandemic has passed. The use of video training curriculum and zoom have been added to our tools. We want to thank everyone who came out for the breakfast fundraiser to benefit Asst Chief Steve Martelle. The outflowing support has been great.

You will notice this year's budget has decreased some. This is due to the department looking for ways to save in the budget. Also noted is a \$28,817 surplus from the 2019-20 budget. \$16,000 of this was from our ongoing airpack program. The other \$12,000 from budget items that were not spent to Covid-19 year troubles. We intend on working through this this year.

The fire department is always looking for new members, helpers and assistance in grant writing. We appreciate all of the support we receive from our town and taxpayers each year. Anyone interested in supporting the Fire Department is encouraged to contact one of the department members. We appreciate all the ongoing support we receive from our town, town people and tax payers.

**Ira Volunteer Fire Department
Treasurer's Report
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget for YE 6/30/22</u>
Bank Balance at 6-30-2019	<u>59,296.03</u>	
Revenue:		
Town of Ira	53,800.00	51,550.00
Reserve Fund	15,000.00	15,000.00
Fund Raising	0.00	
Contributions	1,411.16	400.00
Other	5.00	
Dividend - Credit Union of VT	<u>123.68</u>	<u>100.00</u>
	<u>70,339.84</u>	<u>67,050.00</u>
Expenses:		
Firefighter Apparel	68.54	600.00
Air Pack Maintenance	0.00	700.00
Dues & Memberships	305.00	400.00
Building Maintenance & Repairs	3,390.40	3,500.00
Electricity	1,200.00	1,500.00
Telephone	990.56	1,000.00
Building & Vehicle Liability Insurance	4,026.00	5,000.00
Workers Compensation Insurance	1,219.00	1,400.00
Fire Schools	0.00	-
Turn Out Gear	767.00	2,250.00
New Equipment	2,497.52	2,000.00
New Equipment - Hose	0.00	1,000.00
New Equipment - EMS	583.37	2,500.00
New Equipment - 2 Air Packs	0.00	16,000.00
Equipment Maintenance	135.96	1,500.00
Vehicle Maintenance	3,175.28	4,500.00
Vehicle Fuel & Heat	2,102.60	2,000.00
Communications, Dues	2,304.00	2,500.00
Communications, New	2,044.38	1,000.00
Communications, Repair	0.00	700.00
Training Expense	0.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	<u>173.11</u>	<u>500.00</u>
	<u>24,982.72</u>	<u>51,550.00</u>
Revenues in Excess of Expenses	<u>45,357.12</u>	<u>\$ 15,500.00</u>
Bank Balance at 6-30-2020	<u>104,653.15</u>	

Respectfully Submitted
Joshua Melen
Treasurer

Ira School Board Report

December 2020

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.

This past July Christopher Sell, formerly the principal of Proctor Junior/Senior High School, took over from interim superintendent Judith Pullinen as GRCSU superintendent.

As we always seek to emphasize in our Annual Report Ira has very limited control over our school budget. Since we do not operate our own school 99% of our budget is tuition as well as our share of the GRCSU Assessment. Due to our low student numbers a slight shift up or down in overall students can significantly increase or decrease our overall budget. This year due to a decrease in student enrollment, Ira is currently forecasting a decrease in Fiscal Year 2022 budgeted expense by \$36,962 or 5.2%. The estimate for Fiscal Year 2022 enrollment is 34 students. Even though budgeted expense is showing a decrease, Ira's Educational spending (the amount to be raised in property tax) is estimated to increase by approx. \$17,897 or 2.7%. This increase in educational spending is due to a decrease in budgeted revenue, which is a result of not ending FY20 with a surplus, compared with the \$52,000 surplus from the year prior. Ira's school budget will be finalized at our January Meeting. Please refer to provided documentation by Louis Milazzo, GRCSU Business Manager, in this annual report for further budget details.

One area of current uncertainty are the ways in which the economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic may affect future education spending and taxes. These are questions which will need to be addressed at the state-wide level but certainly may have a significant future impact on areas such as our education homestead tax rate.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns: Lance Jones (802-235-1012) or Superintendent Christopher Sell (802-775-4342)

Respectfully submitted,

Lance Jones, Chair

Mary Mitiguy, Vice Chair

Steve Martelle, Clerk



February 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

We would like to introduce ourselves as the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of the Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union. The GRCSU serves four school districts: Rutland Town School District, Wells Springs Unified Union School District, Quarry Valley Unified Union School District, and Ira School District. Our eight schools include Rutland Town School, Poultney Elementary School, Poultney High School, Proctor Elementary School, Proctor High School, West Rutland School, Middletown Springs Elementary School, and Wells Village School, with a total of approximately 1600 students' grades PreK-12.

The GRCSU, or "Central Office," oversees all aspects of the operation of the schools, including curriculum oversight, professional development, supervision and evaluation, hiring and onboarding of personnel, policies and procedures, grants, as well as all financial aspects of the schools and districts. The 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. Students 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 IT Department, which is responsible for maintaining all of the technology in the schools.

This past year saw an unprecedented time for our schools within the GRCSU as we dealt with COVID-19. All schools in the state of Vermont were asked to shift to a fully remote model for the remainder of the 2020 school year. We were most proud of how quickly our administration and staff were able to mobilize resources to design an educational plan that limited the disruptive aspects of this closure and supported continued learning for all of our students. In addition, all of our GRCSU schools were able to host modified in-person graduation and promotion ceremonies at the end of last year that allowed our communities and families to celebrate these milestone events in our students' lives appropriately.

While our hopes were that as we approached the start of the school year that we would see our schools and communities return to a sense of normalcy, this global pandemic continued to have an impact on our daily lives. Realizing the importance of in-person learning while balancing the safety and health of our students, staff members, and communities were paramount to the design of our learning model for the 2020-2021 academic year. While our learning model addressed the social, emotional, and academic needs of our students, we also quickly realized the need to support our students and families with regard to school meals. Over the past ten months and in collaboration with our kitchen staff members, our administrators and school staff members have designed a system that accounts for both in-person and remote learners and has been able to provide (thanks to a federal grant) all interested families with access to weekly breakfasts and lunches.

While the majority of our work over the past ten months has been centered around COVID-19 and re-engineering our schools to meet the social, emotional, and academic needs of our students, we also have been working with our stakeholders in a wide range of areas designed to explore ways in which we can improve the quality of our schools so that each of our students receives 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 the board 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 2, 2021. For more information, visit our website at 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 Services Annual Report

January 2020

The 2019- 2020 school year was one of many firsts which have continued into the 2020-2021 school year. I would like to begin by thanking staff, families, students, and the community for their understanding and flexibility during this time. I appreciate that adjusting to remote learning was challenging for all. I am grateful that Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union (GRCSU) was able to begin and continue the 2020-2021 school year with 4 days of in-person instruction.

Special education services for students, PreK - 12th grade, are provided in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education ACT (IDEA) and the Vermont Agency of Education Special Education Rules. Students who meet the criteria for special education services have the right to a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment (LRE). Students are provided with modifications and accommodations to best meet individual needs as based on their individual education plan (IEP).

The Directors of Student Services in addition to overseeing all aspects of special education also supports; The McKinney Vento Act for the Education of Homeless Youth, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, School Psychologists, Related Services Providers (Speech and Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists), Behavioral Interventionists, Educational Support Systems, Medicaid, and Early Childhood Special Education.

GRCSU provides Early Childhood Special Education services for 3 to 6 year old children who qualify. Each of our elementary schools have full day preschool programs which provide an opportunity for children to receive special education services with their peers within the preschool program. Services may include, direct instruction from a special educator, speech or language instruction, occupational therapy, physical therapy or behavioral supports.

Based on the December 1, 2020 child count, GRCSU currently serves 317 students (PreK-12) who require specialized instruction. The disabilities include autism spectrum disorder, developmental delay, emotional disturbance, intellectual disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, specific learning disability, and speech or language impairment.

It is a pleasure to work with and serve the staff, students, families, and community of Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union. 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 4, 2021

To Ira Town Taxpayers:

The Ira Town School District audit of the financial statements as of and for the year ending June 30, 2020 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
FY22 Budget - Final Approved**

Account	FY20 Actuals	FY21 Budget	FY22 Budget	Variance	
101-2101-450-00-1 Local Revenue					
101-2101-450-00-1510-0000 Interest Income	\$ 2,803.33	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ (2,000.00)	
101-2101-450-00-1980-0010 PY Assessment Refund	\$ 519.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
101-2101-450-00-1990-0000 Misc. Revenue	\$ 11,469.61	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
101-2101-450-00-5230-0000 Tax Stabilization Revenu	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
101-2101-450-00-5400-0000 Prior Year Carryover	\$ 3,288.00	\$ 52,859.23	\$ -	\$ (52,859.23)	
	\$ 53,080.54	\$ 57,359.23	\$ 2,500.00	\$ (54,859.23)	
101-2101-450-00-3 State Revenue					
101-2101-450-00-3110-0000 State Support Grant	\$ 603,110.00	\$ 633,603.77	\$ 650,012.00	\$ 16,408.23	
101-2101-450-00-3114-0000 From State to Tech Cente	\$ 14,630.00	\$ 19,940.00	\$ 21,429.00	\$ 1,489.00	
101-2101-450-00-3115-0000 Unenrolled Tech Revenue	\$ 4,407.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	\$ 622,147.00	\$ 653,543.77	\$ 671,441.00	\$ 17,897.23	
Total Revenue	\$ 675,227.54	\$ 710,903.00	\$ 673,941.00	\$ (36,962.00)	-5.2%
101-2101-510 Elementary Tuition Expense					
101-2101-510-11-1100-5610 In State Tuition	\$ 284,645.74	\$ 257,800.00	\$ 197,689.00	\$ (60,111.00)	
101-2101-510-11-1100-5660 Private School Tuition	\$ 14,263.00	\$ -	\$ 16,750.00	\$ 16,750.00	
	\$ 298,908.74	\$ 257,800.00	\$ 214,439.00	\$ (43,361.00)	
101-2101-530-11 Secondary Tuition Expense					
101-2101-530-11-1100-3200 Professional Services	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
101-2101-530-11-1100-5610 In State Tuition	\$ 227,337.85	\$ 262,277.00	\$ 288,669.00	\$ 26,392.00	
101-2101-530-11-1100-5660 Private Tuition	\$ 63,732.00	\$ 65,644.00	\$ 50,250.00	\$ (15,394.00)	
	\$ 291,469.85	\$ 327,921.00	\$ 338,919.00	\$ 10,998.00	
101-2101-530-31 Vocational Tuition Expens					
101-2101-530-31-1300-5680 Vocational On Behalf Pay	\$ 14,630.00	\$ 19,940.00	\$ 21,429.00	\$ 1,489.00	
101-2101-530-31-1300-5690 Vocational Tuition	\$ 12,464.18	\$ 18,892.00	\$ 20,266.00	\$ 1,374.00	
	\$ 27,094.18	\$ 38,832.00	\$ 41,695.00	\$ 2,863.00	
101-2101-550-11-23 Board of Education					
101-2101-550-11-2311-3490 Professional Services	\$ 2,260.65	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ -	
101-2101-550-11-2311-5910 Liability Insurance	\$ 1,056.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	
101-2101-550-11-2311-6100 Supplies	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	
101-2101-550-11-2311-8100 VSBA Dues & Fees	\$ 1,098.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
101-2101-550-11-2314-3410 Audit	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 500.00	
	\$ 7,414.65	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 500.00	
101-2101-550-11-25 Fiscal Services					
101-2101-550-11-2510-8300 Interest Expense	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	
	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	
101-2101-550-11-2590 Assessment Expense					
101-2101-550-11-2590-5930 Assessment	\$ 35,112.00	\$ 42,037.00	\$ 39,017.00	\$ (3,020.00)	
101-2101-550-22-2490-5930 Special Ed Assessment	\$ 25,133.20	\$ 37,013.00	\$ 32,071.00	\$ (4,942.00)	
	\$ 60,245.20	\$ 79,050.00	\$ 71,088.00	\$ (7,962.00)	
101-2101-550-11-5210- PY Tuiton Adj					
101-2101-550-11-5210-5610 PY Tuiton Adj	\$ (59.90)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	\$ (59.90)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Expense	\$ 685,072.72	\$ 710,903.00	\$ 673,941.00	\$ (36,962.00)	-5.2%
Total Fund Balance	\$ (9,845.18)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Educational Spending	\$ 627,585.18	\$ 653,543.77	\$ 671,441.00	\$ 17,897.23	2.7%

GREATER RUTLAND COUNTY SUPERVISORY UNION

Ira School District Assessment Summary

	<u>FY22</u>
Summary of Assessments	
Curriculum Administration	\$ 127,105
General Administration	\$ 415,055
Fiscal Services	\$ 589,064
Technology Services	\$ 508,433
Plant Operations	\$ 86,732
Special Ed	\$ 6,787,179
Total	<u>\$ 8,513,568</u>
Anticipated Non Assessment Revenue	\$ 4,309,598
Amount to be Assessed to School Districts	\$ 4,203,970
Assessment to Ira School District	\$ 71,088

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 2021-2022

<u>Elementary School</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	7	\$ 15,000	\$ 105,000
Castleton_Hubbardton	K-6	2	\$ 15,450	\$ 30,900
Middletown Springs Elem	K-6	2	\$ 15,000	\$ 30,000
Clarendon Elementary	K-6	1	\$ 16,789	\$ 16,789
Rutland Town School	K-6	1	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Undesignated	K-6	1	\$ 16,750	\$ 16,750
Sub-Total		14	-	\$ 214,439
Secondary School				
Barstow School	7-8	1	\$ 15,759	\$ 15,759
Mill River H.S	7-12	4	\$ 15,965	\$ 63,860
West Rutland H.S.	7-12	11	\$ 17,500	\$ 192,500
Rutland Public School	7-12	1	\$ 16,550	\$ 16,550
LiHigh School	7-12	1	\$ 16,750	\$ 16,750
Long Trail School	7-12	2	\$ 16,750	\$ 33,500
Sub-Total		20	\$ 99,274	\$ 338,919
Grant Total		34		\$ 553,358

Ira Town School District FY22 Budget

	<u>FY21</u>	<u>FY22</u>	<u>Change %</u>
Education Spending	\$ 653,544	\$ 671,441	2.7%
Equalized Pupils	42.39	42.39	0.0%
Education Spending Per Equalized Pupil	\$ 15,417	\$ 15,840	2.7%
Estimated State Yield	\$ 10,998	\$ 10,763	-2.1%
Estimated Tax Rate	\$ 1.4018	\$ 1.4717	5.0%
Common Level of Appraisal	97.14%	96.09%	-1.1%
Estimated Tax Rate post CLA	\$ 1.4431	\$ 1.5316	6.1%

GREATER RUTLAND COUNTY SUPERVISORY UNION

2020-2021 Staff List

GRCSU - Central Office Based & Shared Employees					
Last Name	First Name	Position	FTE	Salary	% Grant Funded
Alderman	Lori	Bookkeeper	1.00	\$ 41,593	0%
Bailey	Cara	School Psychologist	1.00	\$ 59,000	75%
Bixby	Wendy	Executive Assistant	1.00	\$ 46,855	0%
Coltey	Jennifer	PBL Coach	1.00	\$ 51,000	100%
Condrill	Jamieson	Tooth Tutor	0.17	\$ 8,035	0%
Connors	Greg	Director of Technology	1.00	\$ 95,605	0%
Covino	Vincent	IT Tech	1.00	\$ 51,699	0%
Dambrackas	Deborah	Benefit Specialist	1.00	\$ 53,808	0%
Daub	Neil	IT Tech	1.00	\$ 51,741	0%
Dayton	Lisa	SLP	0.07	\$ 888	0%
Duffy	Margaret	PT	0.60	\$ 45,638	0%
Englese	Susan	Medicaid Clerk	0.50	\$ 22,321	0%
Gardner III	Milton	IT Sysytem Admin	1.00	\$ 57,783	0%
Gregoritsch	Albert	PBL Coach	1.00	\$ 49,247	100%
Hansen	Kristi	Evaluator	1.00	\$ 61,989	100%
Hughes	Janet	Admin Asst	1.00	\$ 47,982	80%
Hutchins	Elizabeth	Bookkeeper	1.00	\$ 45,330	0%
Jalbert	William	IT Tech	1.00	\$ 48,984	0%
Kamm	Christine	Administration	1.00	\$ 100,017	88%
Kulig	Patricia	Treasurer	-	\$ 1,500	0%
Loomis	Katy	Preschool Special Ed	1.00	\$ 58,748	0%
Marino	Kathy	Bookkeeper	1.00	\$ 40,382	0%
Mattison	Lisa	Assistant Superintendent	1.00	\$ 96,900	32%
McGill	Nancy	Early Learning Coord	0.44	\$ 32,323	0%
McGinnis	Kelsey	OT	1.00	\$ 53,550	0%
McGuinness	Kristine	Admin Asst	1.00	\$ 35,099	0%
Milazzo	Louis	Business Manager	1.00	\$ 100,500	0%
Milliman	Jesse	School Psychologist	1.00	\$ 75,154	75%
Mitchell	Ali	PT	1.00	\$ 63,036	0%
Moriarity	Shannon	Web Design Data Master	1.00	\$ 45,900	0%
Patterson	Lori	Evaluator	1.00	\$ 63,205	0%
Pease	Janelle	Early Learning Coord	1.00	\$ 54,291	100%
Proctor	Heather	SLP	1.00	\$ 51,860	0%
Riley	Kathryn	SLP	1.00	\$ 69,688	0%
Sell	Christopher	Superintendent	1.00	\$ 139,000	0%
Short	Sally	PT	0.06	\$ 5,685	0%
Smith	Corey	PBL Coach	1.00	\$ 58,000	100%
Smith-McKee	Rebecca	SLP	1.00	\$ 65,636	0%
Stedman	Kimberly	Administration	1.00	\$ 86,190	88%
Temple	Rachelle	COTA	0.53	\$ 23,908	0%
Thomas	Margaret	Assistant Business Manager	1.00	\$ 68,289	0%
Thomas	Partricia	OT	1.00	\$ 68,959	0%
Van Guilder	Tina	LEA Coordinator	1.00	\$ 65,000	0%
Weeden	Heather	SLP	1.00	\$ 74,955	0%
White	Kevin	School Psychologist	1.00	\$ 71,966	75%
Wilson	Heather	SLP	1.00	\$ 50,240	0%

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

Kristen Caliguiri, Principal Poultney Elementary School, 96 School Circle, Poultney, VT 05764 Tel: 287-5212
Joe DeBonis, Jr, Principal Poultney High School, 154 East Main Street, Poultney, VT 05764 Tel: 287-5861
Christy Coloutti, Principal Proctor Elementary School, 14 School Street, Proctor, VT 05765 Tel: 459-2225
JoAnn Canning, Principal Proctor Jr./Sr. High School, 4 Park Street, Proctor, VT 05765 Tel: 459-3353
Deborah Rodolfy or Sarah Tetzlaff Co-Principals Rutland Town School, 1612 Post Road, Rutland, VT Tel: 775-0566
Rick Beal, Principal Middletown Spr Elementary School, 15 Schoolhouse Road, Middletown Springs, VT Tel: 855-5155
Elizabeth Coltey, Principal Wells Village School, 36 MWA Loop, Wells, VT 05774 Tel: 645-0386
James Slenker, Principal West Rutland School, 713 Main Street, West Rutland, VT 05777 Tel: 438-2288
Christopher Sell, 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 31, 2021. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 10, 2021.

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 25, 2021 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 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.

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.

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.

Changes to Town Meeting for 2021

Town Meeting will be a little different this year. Holding Town Meeting in person does not meet the state guidelines for public gathering. Due to 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 March 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm. You can participate in the informational meeting by computer (a google account is required) 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, March 1, 2021 at 7pm

Join with Google Meet

meet.google.com/fze-zvbf-ggv

Join by phone

(US) [+1 442-278-1491](tel:+14422781491) (PIN: 701156362#)

Voting by Australian ballot for all budgets, articles and town officers will be held at the Town Office on Town Meeting Day, March 2, 2021 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 235-2745.

Town of Ira
Warning 2021 Annual Town & School Meeting
March 1, 2021 – Informational Hearing (virtual only)
March 2, 2021 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, March 1, 2021 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 2, 2021 from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. to vote by Australian ballot on the following articles:

Link for March 1, 2021 virtual Informational Hearing at 7:00 P.M.

GOOGLE MEET: meet.google.com/fze-zvbf-ggv

or join by phone: 1 442-278-1491 PIN: 701 156 362#

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
- School Director remaining 1 year of a 3 year term

Article 2: **School Budget:** Shall the voters of the Ira School District approve the school board to expend \$673,941 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 \$15,840 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 2.7 % 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
- Auditor remaining 1 year of a 3-year term
- Delinquent Tax Collector for a 1-year term
- Lister for a 3-year term
- Lister remaining 2 years of a 3-year term
- Town Moderator for a 1-year term
- Select Board member for a 3-year term
- Town Clerk for a 3-year term
- Town Treasurer 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 19, 2021?

Article 3: Shall the voters authorize the total expenditure of \$314,843 for the Town General Fund and Highway Fund for the fiscal year 7/1/21 – 6/30/22, for which \$245,193 shall be raised by taxes and \$69,650 by non-property tax revenue?

Article 4: Shall the voters appropriate \$10,840 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 \$22,840?

Article 5: Shall the voters appropriate \$51,500 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 \$2,947.56 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?

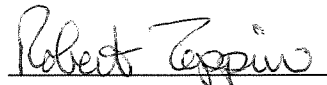
Article 9: Shall the voters appropriate \$300 to the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging to provide elder services to the residents of Ira?

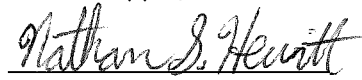
Article 10: Shall the voters appropriate \$375 to the RSVP & Volunteer Center to provide services to the residents of Ira?

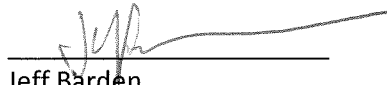
Article 11: Shall the voters appropriate \$250 to support the Bird's Eye View?

Dated at Ira, Vermont, January 19th, 2021

Select Board



Robert Toppin, Chair


Nathan Hewitt


Jeff Barden

School Board


Lance Jones, Chair


Mary Mitiguy, Vice Chair

Steve Martelle, Clerk

A true copy, attested and duly recorded
As required by law on January 19th, 2021


Karen Davis, Town Clerk

Town Officers

March 2020

Position	Officer	Year Elected	Term	Term Ends
Auditors	Tina Graves	March 2018	3 Year	2021
	Christine Tyminski	March 2020	3 Year	2023
	Bill Whiteman	March 2019	3 Year	2022
Delinquent Tax Collector	Deborah Perry	March 2020	1 Year	2021
First Constable	Fran Lloyd	March 2020	2 Year	2022
Listers	Karen Davis	March 2019	3 Year	2022
	Vacant	March 2020	3 Year	2023
	James Genovesi	March 2018	3 Year	2021
Moderator (Town & School)	Mary Mitiguy	March 2020	1 Year	2021
School Directors	Mary Mitiguy	March 2020	3 Year	2023
	Lance Jones	March 2018	3 Year	2021
	Steve Martelle	Appointed March 2020 to complete 2 nd yr. of 3-year term	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 2018	3 year	2021
	Nathan Hewitt	March 2020	3 Year	2023
	Karen Davis	March 2018	3 Year	2021
Town Clerk	Karen Davis	March 2018	3 Year	2021
Town Treasurer	Deborah Perry	March 2018	3 Year	2021
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

Notes

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