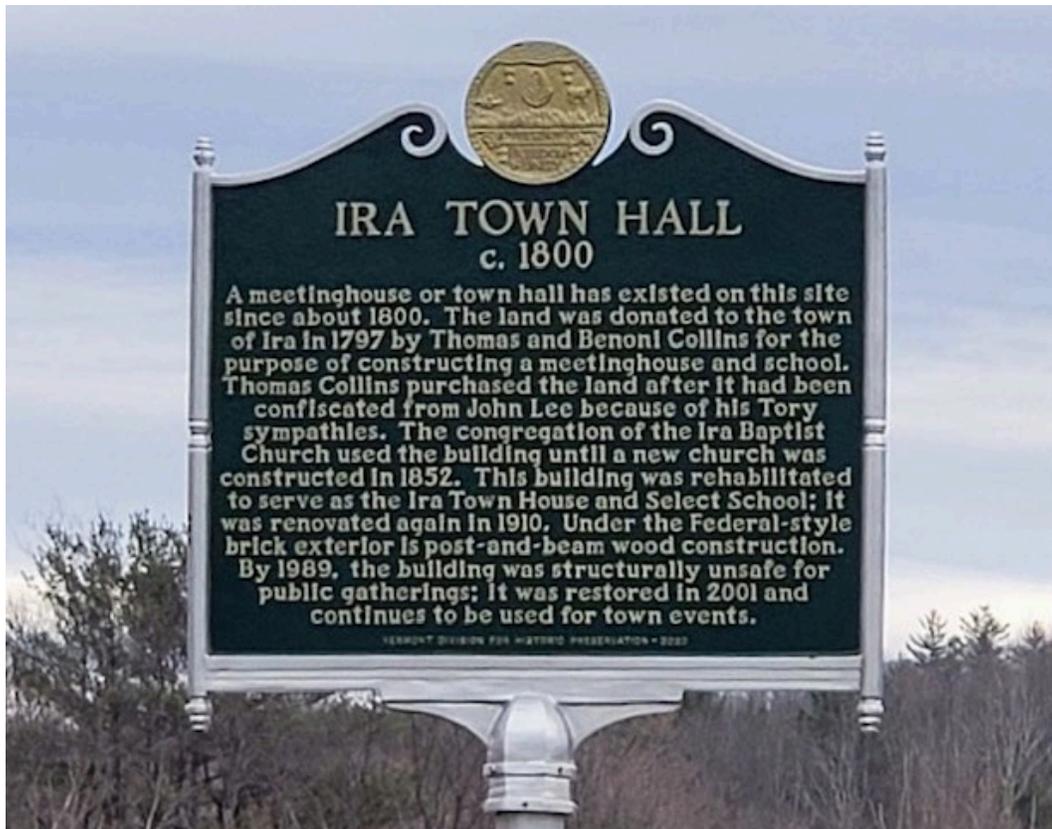


## 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Town of Ira

IRA TOWN HALL  
ROADSIDE HISTORIC SITE MARKER

*Ira Town Hall  
c. 1800*

*A meetinghouse or town hall has existed on this site since about 1800. The land was donated to the town of Ira in 1797 by Thomas and Benoni Collins for the purpose of constructing a meetinghouse and school. Thomas Collins purchased the land after it had been confiscated from John Lee because of his Tory sympathies. The congregation of the Ira Baptist Church used the building until a new church was constructed in 1852. This building was rehabilitated to serve as the Ira Town House and Select School; it was renovated again in 1910. Under the Federal-style brick exterior is post-and-beam wood construction. By 1989, the building was structurally unsafe for public gatherings; it was restored in 2001 and continues to be used for town events.*

In early 2019 the Ira Historical Society decided to pursue an initiative to erect a historical roadside marker commemorating the Ira Town Hall. Research was completed and documentation supporting the language was gathered for the application. Approval for the project and the proposed language was received from the Ira Selectboard in June 2019 and the application was sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer, Laura V. Trieschmann.

Laura worked closely with the Ira Historical Society to finalize the wording of the marker. In September of that year the Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation unanimously voted to support the Ira Town Hall roadside historic site marker.

The Vermont Department of Historic Preservation contracted with and paid a foundry to have the cast aluminum marker made and delivered to Ira. The marker was installed by VTRANS in the spring of 2020.

Because of the Covid pandemic, a dedication ceremony was postponed until July 30, 2022. On that date, the marker was dedicated with speeches by Laura Trieschmann and Bill Whiteman. Bill recounted the history of the town hall and many of the events, which had taken place there. Olivia Gawet enriched the ceremony with two patriotic songs. After the ceremony the museum on the second floor of the Town Hall was officially open for visitors and light refreshments were served.

Revolutionary War re-enactors from the Massachusetts 3rd Regiment set up an encampment at the Ira Town Office across West Road from the Town Hall. They had a cooking demonstration, musket firing, and talks on period dress and food throughout the day.

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### Town Office Hours:

Tuesday 2:00-6:00 and Thursday 8:30-2:30  
or by appointment

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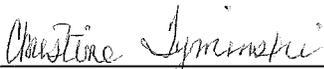
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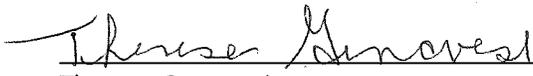
**AUDITORS' REPORT**  
**FY22**

We have examined the financial records for the Town of Ira for the year ending June 30, 2022. 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, 2022.

Dated December 15, 2022, at the Town of Ira.

  
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Tina Graves

  
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Christine Tyminski

  
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Treasurer's Financial Statements

<b>STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCES</b>		
AS OF JUNE 30, 2022		
General Operating – Merchants	\$	275,712.06
Petty Cash		300.00
Money Market – Merchants		
Building Reserve	\$ 35,000.00	
Cemetery Fund	24,751.91	
Professional Audit Reserve	19,500.00	
Reappraisal Reserve	38,166.33	
Restoration/Preservation	3,068.70	
Garage Building Fund	55,000.00	
Money Market – Merchants–Other	<u>54,012.28</u>	
Total Money Market – Merchants	\$	229,499.22
Equipment Savings		193,821.22
George Putnam Fund		<u>7,331.53</u>
Total Cash Balances	\$	<u>706,664.03</u>

<b>ASSETS</b>		
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		
2021 CAT Loader/backhoe	\$ 88,900.00	
1970 Caterpillar Grader	25,000.00	
2016 Kenworth T270	<u>135,905.00</u>	
Total Equipment		249,805.00
Total Assets	\$	<u>594,813.00</u>

<b>Ira Riverside Cemetery</b>		
Operating Statement – July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022		
Revenue		
Lot Sales & Contributions	\$ 1,420.00	
Gain/Loss on Investment	(1,008.43)	
Transfer from Town	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Total Revenue	\$	1,411.57
Expenditures		
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 321.71	
Grave & Related Expenses	1,040.00	
Cemetery Wages	1,900.00	
Payroll Taxes	<u>145.35</u>	
Total Expenditures	\$	<u>3,407.06</u>
	\$	(1,995.49)

TOWN OF IRA  
STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND  
REVENUES & EXPENDITURES - CASH BASIS  
July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022

REVENUES			
CURRENT TAXES GENERAL FUND	\$	20,781.47	
ARTICLE APPROPRIATIONS	\$	82,185.56	
CURRENT TAXES HIGHWAY FUND		178,940.00	
SCHOOL PROPERTY TAXES		569,281.62	*
MUNICIPAL TAX ADJUSTMENT		12,460.50	
DELINQUENT TAX REVENUE		36,583.00	
DELINQUENT TAX INTEREST		5,945.22	
CURRENT USE		28,007.00	
DOG LICENSES		212.00	
BANK INTEREST		89.70	
USE OF TOWN HALL		300.00	
CIVIL FINES		794.00	
RAILROAD TAX		79.05	
FISH & GAME NATURAL RESOURCE/PILOT		7,664.38	
MISC. OTHER REVENUE		251.51	
OVERWEIGHT PERMITS		240.00	
STATE AID TO BACK ROADS		13,048.91	
HIGHWAY MISC. OTHER REVENUE		500.00	
HIGHWAY GRANTS		9,923.00	
TOTAL REVENUES		<u>9,923.00</u>	
	\$		967,286.92
GENERAL EXPENDITURES			
SELECT BOARD SALARY	\$	2,700.00	
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SALARY		4,000.00	
HEALTH OFFICER		200.00	
AUDITORS SALARY		600.00	
PAYROLL TAXES		2,612.96	
RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION		975.00	
EDUCATION SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS		115.00	
POSTAGE		1,190.85	
PHOTOCOPIER		1,908.00	
LEGAL SERVICES		1,431.96	
ADVERTISING NOTICES/HEARINGS		373.20	
VLCT DUES		1,600.00	
RUTLAND COUNTY TAX		3,200.28	
REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE		1,728.00	
INSURANCE LIABILITY/WORKERS COMP		6,289.25	
TOWN OFFICE SUPPLIES		999.53	
COMPUTER SOFTWARE/HARDWARE		4,243.32	
TOWN REPORT		443.50	
RECORDS RESTORATIONS		72.00	
ELECTIONS		225.90	
TRANSFER TO PROFESSIONAL AUDIT RESERVE		1,500.00	
TRANSFER TO CEMETERY FUND		1,000.00	
TOWN OFFICE MORTGAGE		14,450.00	
TOWN CLERK SALARY		7,999.92	
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK		300.00	
LISTERS SALARY		1,800.01	
CONSULTANT		81.51	
TREASURER SALARY		8,000.00	
CONSTABLE SALARY		200.00	
LAW ENFORCEMENT		9,407.12	
TOWN OFFICE ELECTRIC		684.17	
TOWN OFFICE HEAT		1,241.49	
TOWN OFFICE TELEPHONE		2,492.35	
TOWN OFFICE REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE		971.23	
TOWN OFFICE LAWN MOWING		1,200.00	
TOWN OFFICE CLEANING		586.25	
TOWN HALL ELECTRIC		574.98	
TOWN HALL HEAT		1,114.23	
TOWN HALL TELEPHONE		402.51	
TOWN HALL REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE		577.73	
TOWN HALL LAWN MOWING		1,080.00	
TOWN HALL CLEANING		577.50	
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENDITURES		<u>577.50</u>	
	\$		91,149.75

TOWN OF IRA  
STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND  
REVENUES & EXPENDITURES - CASH BASIS  
July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022

ARTICLES			
IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT	\$	51,500.00	
IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT - RESERVE FUND	\$	15,000.00	
RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY		2,947.56	
RAVNAH & HOSPICE		973.00	
SOUTHWESTERN VT COUNCIL		300.00	
RSVP & VOLUNTEER CTR		375.00	
BIRD'S EYE VIEW		250.00	
RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT		10,840.00	
TOTAL ARTICLES		<u>10,840.00</u>	\$ 82,185.56
HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES	\$	9,028.50	
PAYROLL TAXES		1,119.94	
LABOR FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE		10,195.00	
SIGNS/BRIDGES		265.97	
ROADSIDE MOWING		1,560.00	
WINTER SAND		9,449.76	
GRAVEL		18,655.34	
WINTER SALT		3,149.10	
CHLORIDE		2,894.25	
CULVERTS & INSTALLATION		2,889.80	
DITCHING		9,999.50	
GRADING		4,661.00	
EQUIPMENT RENTAL		1,484.00	
SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		727.18	
DIESEL FUEL FOR EQUIPMENT		4,384.81	
TRUCK MAINTENANCE		8,539.25	
GRADER MAINTENANCE		1,783.26	
BACKHOE MAINTENANCE		114.90	
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL FUND		60,000.00	
MUNICIPAL ROAD PERMITS		500.00	
BACKHOE/LOADER PAYMENT		13,912.00	
GARAGE RESERVE FUND		15,000.00	
TOWN GARAGE ELECTRIC		387.86	
TOWN GARAGE HEAT		388.94	
TOWN GARAGE REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE		6,933.56	
TOWN GARAGE MISCELLANEOUS		2.50	
GRANT EXPENSES		15,717.08	
TOWN HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES		<u>15,717.08</u>	\$ 203,743.50
TRANSFER TO SCHOOL DISTRICT			<u>\$ 569,281.62</u> *
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			\$ 946,360.43
GENERAL FUND SURPLUS			22,018.08
HIGHWAY DEFICIT			<u>(1,091.59)</u>
TOTAL SURPLUS			<u><u>20,926.49</u></u>

\* School taxes transferred to School District

SELECT BOARD BUDGET

	Budget FY22 7/1/21 - 6/30/22	Actual FY22 7/1/21 - 6/30/22	Working Budget FY23 7/1/22 - 6/30/23	Projected Budget FY24 7/1/23 - 6/30/24
<b>TAX REVENUE</b>				
CURRENT GENERAL FUND TAXES	66,253.00	20,781.47	62,813.49	52,074.92
ARTICLE APPROPRIATIONS		82,185.56	80,225.00	
MUNICIPAL TAX ADJUSTMENT	6,000.00	12,460.50	4,000.00	4,000.00
DELINQUENT TAX REVENUE	20,000.00	36,583.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
DELINQUENT TAX INTEREST	1,500.00	5,945.22	1,500.00	1,500.00
CURRENT USE	20,000.00	28,007.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
DOG LICENSES	200.00	212.00	200.00	200.00
BANK INTEREST	200.00	89.70	100.00	100.00
USE OF TOWN HALL	-	300.00	-	-
CIVIL FINES	3,000.00	794.00	2,000.00	1,000.00
RAILROAD TAX	-	79.05	-	79.00
F&G NAT RESOURCE/PILOT	7,600.00	7,664.38	7,600.00	7,600.00
MISC OTHER REVENUE	50.00	251.51	50.00	50.00
SURPLUS/DEFICIT		-	8,789.51	22,018.08
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	124,803.00	195,353.39	212,278.00	133,622.00

<b>GENERAL FUND 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	6,000.00	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	2,612.96	3,500.00	3,500.00
CONSULTANTS/TAX MAPS	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
RUTLAND REG PLANNING COM	975.00	975.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
EDUC SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS	750.00	115.00	750.00	400.00
POSTAGE	2,000.00	1,190.85	2,000.00	2,000.00
PHOTOCOPIER	3,000.00	1,908.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
LEGAL SERVICES	7,500.00	1,431.96	7,000.00	6,000.00
ADVERTISING NOTICES/HEARINGS	1,000.00	373.20	1,000.00	1,000.00
VLCT	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
RUTLAND COUNTY TAX	3,500.00	3,200.28	3,900.00	4,000.00
REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE	1,728.00	1,728.00	1,728.00	1,472.00
INSURANCE LIABILITY	7,000.00	6,177.25	7,000.00	7,000.00
INSURANCE WORKERS COMP	4,000.00	112.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
TOWN OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,500.00	999.53	1,700.00	1,700.00
COMP SOFT/HARDWARE	6,000.00	4,243.32	6,000.00	7,000.00
TOWN REPORT	1,000.00	443.50	1,000.00	1,000.00
RECORDS RESTORATIONS		72.00		1,200.00
ELECTIONS	1,200.00	225.90	1,500.00	1,000.00
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	1,600.00	1,600.00
TOWN OFFICE MORTGAGE	10,625.00	10,625.00	10,625.00	10,625.00
MORTGAGE INTEREST	3,825.00	3,825.00	3,400.00	2,975.00
MISCELLANEOUS	250.00	-	250.00	250.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY	8,000.00	7,999.92	10,400.00	10,400.00
ASST TOWN CLERK SALARY	1,000.00	300.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
LISTER'S SALARY	1,800.00	1,800.01	1,800.00	1,800.00
CONSULTANT	4,000.00	81.51	4,000.00	4,000.00
TREASURER SALARY	8,000.00	8,000.00	10,400.00	10,400.00
CONSTABLE SALARY	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
LAW ENFORCEMENT	12,000.00	9,407.12	12,000.00	12,000.00
TOWN OFFICE ELECTRIC	1,300.00	684.17	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOWN OFFICE HEAT	1,500.00	1,241.49	1,500.00	1,500.00
TOWN OFFICE TELEPHONE	2,400.00	2,492.35	2,400.00	2,600.00
TOWN OFFICE REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	2,000.00	971.23	2,400.00	4,000.00
TOWN OFFICE LAWN MOWING	1,600.00	1,200.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
TOWN OFFICE CLEANING	1,700.00	586.25	1,700.00	1,700.00
MISC TOWN OFFICE	50.00	-	50.00	50.00
TOWN HALL LIGHTS	800.00	574.98	700.00	700.00
TOWN HALL HEAT	1,700.00	1,114.23	1,700.00	1,700.00
TOWN HALL TELEPHONE	700.00	402.51	550.00	550.00
TOWN HALL REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	1,500.00	577.73	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	1,200.00	577.50	1,200.00	1,200.00
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENDITURES	124,803.00	91,149.75	132,053.00	133,622.00

SELECT BOARD BUDGET

	Budget FY22 7/1/21 - 6/30/22	Actual FY22 7/1/21 - 6/30/22	Working Budget FY23 7/1/22 - 6/30/23	Projected Budget FY24 7/1/23 - 6/30/24
<b>ARTICLES</b>				
IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT	51,500.00	51,500.00	48,550.00	-
IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT - RESERVE FUND	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	-
RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY	2,947.56	2,947.56	3,007.00	-
RAVNAH & HOSPICE	973.00	973.00	973.00	-
SOUTHWESTERN VT COUNCIL	300.00	300.00	300.00	-
RSVP & VOLUNTEER CTR	375.00	375.00	375.00	-
PARENT CHILD CENTER			250.00	
BIRD'S EYE VIEW	250.00	250.00	250.00	-
RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT	10,840.00	10,840.00	11,520.00	-
TOTAL ARTICLES	82,185.56	82,185.56	80,225.00	
TOTAL GENERAL & ARTICLE EXPENDITURES	206,988.56	173,335.31	212,278.00	133,622.00

<b>Highway Revenue</b>				
CURRENT HWY TAXES	178,940.00	178,940.00	175,775.89	184,591.59
OVERWEIGHT PERMITS	100.00	240.00	100.00	240.00
STATE AID TO BACK ROADS	11,000.00	13,048.91	11,000.00	11,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE		500.00		
HIGHWAY GRANTS	-	9,923.00	-	-
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	-	-	1,464.11	(1,091.59)
TOTAL HIGHWAY REVENUE	190,040.00	202,651.91	188,340.00	194,740.00

<b>Highway Budget</b>				
SALARIES	22,000.00	9,028.50	22,000.00	22,000.00
PAYROLL TAXES	4,000.00	1,119.94	4,000.00	4,000.00
LABOR FOR RD MAINTENANCE	10,000.00	10,195.00	10,000.00	12,000.00
SIGNS/BRIDGES	400.00	265.97	400.00	600.00
ROADSIDE MOWING	2,000.00	1,560.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
WINTER SAND AND TRUCKING	17,000.00	9,449.76	18,500.00	14,000.00
GRAVEL AND TRUCKING	24,000.00	18,655.34	24,000.00	30,000.00
WINTER SALT AND TRUCKING	6,500.00	3,149.10	7,000.00	7,000.00
CHLORIDE	3,200.00	2,894.25	4,000.00	4,000.00
CULVERTS & INSTALLATION	8,000.00	2,889.80	8,000.00	8,000.00
DITCHING	10,000.00	9,999.50	10,000.00	10,000.00
GRADING	6,000.00	4,661.00	6,000.00	8,000.00
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	2,000.00	1,484.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	1,000.00	727.18	1,000.00	1,000.00
DIESEL FUEL FOR EQUIPMENT	5,000.00	4,384.81	5,000.00	6,000.00
TRUCK MAINTENANCE	-	8,539.25	-	-
GRADER MAINTENANCE	-	1,783.26	-	-
BACKHOE MAINTENANCE	-	114.90	-	-
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL FUND	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00
MUNICIPAL ROAD PERMITS	740.00	500.00	1,240.00	1,240.00
BACKHOE/LOADER PAYMENT	-	13,912.00		
GARAGE RESERVE FUND	-	15,000.00		
TOWN GARAGE ELECTRIC	900.00	387.86	900.00	600.00
TOWN GARAGE HEAT	700.00	388.94	700.00	700.00
TOWN GARAGE REPAIRS/ MAINTENANCE	6,500.00	6,933.56	1,500.00	1,500.00
TOWN GARAGE MISC TOWN	100.00	2.50	100.00	100.00
GRANT EXPENSE	-	15,717.08	-	-
TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES	190,040.00	203,743.50	188,340.00	194,740.00
TOTAL GENERAL & HIGHWAY	314,843.00	294,893.25	320,393.00	328,362.00
TOTAL ARTICLES	82,185.56	82,185.56	80,225.00	-

## Select Board Report

The Ira Board has worked hard at keeping up the maintenance on the town equipment. After much research the town traded in the tailgate sander and purchased a heavy duty stainless Tarco sander. The drop-in sander will put out a better sand pattern on the road and it will put less material in the ditch. The 1960's vintage Caterpillar grader had two hydraulic cylinders rebuilt. The 2016 Kenworth plow truck received its annual inspection, oil undercoating, welding on the plow and frame and the load cover was repaired.

The Town has made an effort to draw in much needed surface material for the roads in order to be able to crown the roads better. Due to snowplowing and grading the roads lose material every year.

The State of Vermont Municipal Road General Permit (MRGP) requires that the town inventories its roads every 5 years and requires repair of these sections for ditches, road surface, crown, culvert, and erosion. A tablet was purchased to keep track of the inventory and reporting to VT Trans.

There are road grants available through the Better Roads and Grant In Aid Programs. Ira has worked diligently to get funding through these programs.

The board has consulted with Otter Creek Engineering on a site assessment of the present Town Garage. At some point the state will require water and sanitary facilities as well as a salt shed with proper storm water drainage.

There have been a number of houses in town that have new owners. Likewise, there are a number of new houses that have been built or are in the process there of. We would like to WELCOME those new folks to the Ira Community.

As a note a pile of winter sand is outside the gate at the town garage under cover. The sand is available for non-commercial use for Ira residents.

The board would like to take the opportunity to thank those that hold office here in town as well as the many volunteers that make Ira the community that it is!

Respectfully submitted  
Ira Select Board

Nathan Hewitt, Chair  
Bob Toppin  
Darin May

## Town Clerk Report

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. We have a town wide email list to notify residents of upcoming Town events. If you would like to be included, please send me your email address.

The select board authorized the use of ARPA funds to digitize our land records. This is a large project and will take several months to complete but will result in our land records being online.

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. There is also the option of creating a My Voter Page on the State Election site. By creating a voter page, registered voters can request an absentee ballot, submit a voter registration application, update voter registration information, view sample ballots, and find your voting location. Voting is held at the Town Office for all elections. Polls open at 10:00 am and close at 7:00 pm.

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 90 dogs licensed in fiscal year 22 for revenue of \$212.00 for the Town. Licenses will be available on Town Voting Day, March 7, 2023, during voting hours. We will also have a rabies clinic with the Town of West Rutland on March 18, 2023, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the West Rutland Recreation Center on Fairview Avenue.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns at 802-235-2745 or [iraclerk@vermontel.com](mailto:iraclerk@vermontel.com). The Town Office is open on Tuesdays 2:00 – 6:00 and Thursdays 8:30 – 2:30.

Karen Davis  
TownClerk

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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 a Rental Application and Agreement Form or downloaded from the website: [townofira.com](http://townofira.com)
3. Return completed and signed Rental Application and Agreement Form and Certificate of Insurance (if required) to the Town Clerk for review and approval from the Select Board or authorized person. 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 Application and Agreement for additional requirements and responsibilities.

**DELINQUENT TAX REPORT – December 31, 2022**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Total Due</u>
Bowen, J	2022	\$ 7.02
Czarnecki, Paul & Karen	2022	515.58
Davis, Edward J	2022	309.68
Dydo, Randy & Elaine	2022	144.94
Haynes, Jason	2022	1,833.04
Killoleet Rock, LLC	2022	2,178.64
Killoleet Rock, LLC	2021	401.61
	2022	5,983.64
Lee, David	2022	4,157.58
Lulek, Carl J	2022	687.99
Maccabee, Pamela	2022	1,064.75
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
	2022	16.38
Notte, Albert	2022	1,150.08
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
	2022	210.61
Sumner, Lori & Kelton	2021	1,746.69
	2022	2,646.66
The Clare Cranberg Trust	2022	400.24
Williams, Jared	2021	1,889.53
	2022	3,685.66
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		\$30,889.48

## **Ira Historical Society Report 2022**

**With determination** and much group effort despite restrictions from the virus Ira's Historical Society assembled a presentation of artifacts around the large, beautifully restored second floor of the old Town Hall. The small museum opened for the first time on July 30th after the well attended dedication ceremony of the Vermont State Historical Site marker. During the year we gained new members, continued work on displays, attended learning seminars, presentations and networked with other historical groups. We are again interviewing some of our most experienced residents recording stories of their lives here in Ira in their own voices. A group tour of Ira at the height of Fall color topped off the year. We welcome all to come to our meetings and to donate to our cause which is to discover and preserve Ira's history.

Bob Kirbach, Pres. 802-235-2604.

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## **Town of Ira Cemetery Report**

During fiscal year 2021/2022 the cemetery saw several burials and lot sales. The mowing salary and gas stipend was increased. It had been sometime since the rate of pay and gas stipend had been increased.

The cemetery committee is planning a June 3, 2023, workday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Bring a snack to share. We plan on straightening some monuments and staining the shed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nathan Hewitt, chair  
Jean Marie Raiche  
Barbara Favreau  
Christina Hewitt

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## **Ira Planning Commission**

The Ira Planning Commission held one meeting this year in which we reviewed State rules and regulations governing town planning teams. Instructing us that evening was Ed Bove of the Rutland Planning Commission whose detailed presentation explained how our town's aspirations fit into the greater planning efforts happening around Vermont. Ed gave us a copy of *Vermont Planning, Development and Land Use Laws Annotated*, a gravid tome to help guide us in the future. There is at this time but one active project within Ira Town and that is now being reviewed by Vermont state agencies having met requirements of the Ira Town Plan.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Kirbach, chair  
Jeff Barden  
Bob Kulig  
Bob Toppin

### Vital Statistics

		<b>Marriages</b>	
		<b>Date of Marriage</b>	<b>Place of Marriage</b>
Rebekah Cook	Gary Ayres	May 13, 2022	Ira
Brett Lertola	Jessica Bachmann	August 19, 2022	Bomoseen

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		<b>Births</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Parents</b>
Thaddeus Marshall Frost	M	November 22, 2022	Aaron & Elizabeth Frost

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		<b>Deaths</b>	
		<b>Age</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>
Wilbur E Raiche Sr.		88	February 21, 2022
James Carroll		88	August 14, 2022

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		<b>Burials</b>	
		<b>Date of Burial</b>	
		Wilbur E Raiche Sr.	May 21, 2022
		Barbara Keszyinki	June 4, 2022

### 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 94 in September 2022, currently holds the cane.

### Past Recipients

Carrie Perry Stewart Lincoln	Ruth Johnson Bessie Berg	Harry Berg Enid DeDoming	Lucelia Lincoln
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## **Town of Ira Sheriff's report**

The Rutland County Sheriff's Department has been providing Police services to the town of Ira for the last 9 years. This service is primarily preformed by one assigned patrol Deputy. Ira is part of the four town Regional patrol made up of Tinmouth, Danby, Middletown Springs and Ira, this Regional patrol provides 40 hours per week coverage to the above towns. Thus far in the contract Rutland County Sheriff's Deputies have responded to 20 incidents had 2 criminal arrests, preformed 38 traffic stops issuing 40 tickets and 25 warnings in the town of Ira. Deputies have arrested 34 individuals in the four-town regional patrol, Tinmouth, Danby, Middletown Springs, and Ira, thus far most of these arrests have been driving under the influence of either alcohol or drugs. It is particularly important that the citizens of Ira provide information and feedback to the Deputies concerning issues in the town. An effort will be made to address these issues as they arise. Deputies have received positive feedback from the citizens of Ira on the successful impact the Sheriff's patrols have had on speed and criminal activity. I would like to say it is a privilege to work in the town of Ira and thank the citizens of Ira for their positive feedback and support, we hope to continue serving the citizens of Ira for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted  
Sheriff  
David J. Fox

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## **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 30 calls to the town of Ira in 2022. 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, (802) 773-1746, or visit their website [www.rasvt.com](http://www.rasvt.com) for more information on their services, class schedules, and membership details.

IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 17 CALLS TOTAL FOR YEAR 2022: 6 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 3 EMS, 3 Fire Alarms, 2 Chimney Fires, 1 Mutual Aid Standby, 1 Powerlines Down and 1 Wildland Fire.

We are pleased to announce that we have added two more members to our department, Tim Carter Firefighter and Brian Pierce EMS. We have an open position for an Ira Town Representative on the Board of Directors and we are also looking to add more members for EMS and Firefighter positions. 2022 has had some challenges with supply chain issues that delayed delivery on some of the equipment and tools. The State Central Dispatch center continues to have manpower shortages which affects the notification of the department of emergency calls. More positively we have returned to in person training and business meetings. Firefighter training and EMS training are taking place twice a month.

As we stated last year, we have engaged Otter Creek Engineering to conduct a feasibility study of improvements or replacement of the fire station at its current location. The report is expected to be ready for the department by year end 2022. We expect multiple options to be presented which will allow the department to bring viable options to the town. As a reminder today's firefighting apparatus does not fit in the fire station structure which has served our community well since 1976 when it was constructed. The long-term perspective on the building and equipment is driving our proactive measures at this time.

On our treasurer's report the accrued purchase of all 8 SCBA air packs (\$16,000) in 2021 is reflected by lower spending in 2022. The increase cost in some of the purchases we delayed in 2021 are a small impact compared to the savings incurred by buying the air packs as a package deal. This year we also purchased a number of smaller items we needed: radios, radio batteries, additional pagers, a computer and an annual training program. Rescue 1 was serviced several times which only partially resolved the issue. A few of the members dedicated their time energy to do additional repairs getting the root problem resolved and keeping the repair cost lower, getting Rescue 1 running properly. Engine 1 needed replacement tires to pass inspection another member located tires and rims for the truck also saving on maintenance cost.

**2022 Membership**

Tim Perry: Firefighter, EMS, Treasurer    Dan Perry: Fire Chief, Firefighter    Bob Toppin: Firefighter  
 Fran Lloyd: Firefighter    Nick Cupoli: Assistant Fire Chief, Firefighter    Marcus Rockwell: Firefighter  
 Jeremy Martelle: Firefighter    Brad Zellars: Firefighter    Macalyster Perry: Firefighter  
 Tyler Sanderson: Firefighter    Jeff St Germain: Firefighter    Tim Carter: Firefighter    Bob Johnson: Firefighter  
 Lynn Carter: EMS, Secretary    Amanda Harte Firefighter, EMS    Jean Raiche EMS    Brian Pierce: EMS  
 Bruce Gee: Board of Directors    Dave Kerstetter: President    Joe Black: Mechanic

From all of the members **Thank you** for all the support we continue to receive from the community.

<b>Income</b>	<b>Budget 21-22</b>	<b>Actual 21-22</b>	<b>Budget 23-24</b>
Reserve Fund Town of Ira	<b>15000</b>	15000	15000
Town	<b>51550</b>	51500	47050
Corporate Contributions	<b>200</b>	1,255.69	200
Individual Contribution	<b>200</b>	940	200
Dividend - Credit Union of VT	<b>100</b>	113.8	100
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>67050</b>	68,809.49	62550

<b>Income</b>	<b>Budget 21-22</b>	<b>Actual 21-22</b>	<b>Budget 23-24</b>
Air Pack Maintenance	700	0	700
Building & Repair	3500	3,013.19	6500
Communications, Dues	2500	1967	2500
Communications, New	1000	1372.51	2500
Communications, Repair	700	1177	700
Dues & Memberships	400	1672	400
Electricity	1500	2004.62	2000
Equip Maintenance	1500	0	1500
Firefighter Apparel	600	0	600
Fire Schools	0	0	250
Hoseline Fund	2000	0	2000
Building, Vehicle Liab. Ins.	5000	4362	5000
Workers Compensation Insurance	1400	2453	1400
Miscellaenous	500	275.71	500
New Equipment	1000	3589.22	5000
New Equipment - 2 Air Packs	16000	0	0
EMS equipment and supplies	2500	0	2500
Telephone	1000	483.55	1000
Training Expense	1000	1770.05	2000
Turn Out Gear	2250	3182.09	3500
Fuel, Vehicles & Heating Oil	2000	996.75	2000
Vehicle Maintenance	4500	2273.09	4500
Totals	51550	30,573.78	47050
Current Truck fund		45000.00	
Total Bank 12-12-22		\$192,770.60	

## **RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY UPDATE**

Rutland Free Library honored its past and prepared for its future this year.

Thanks to Green Mountain Power and donors Joan Gamble, Mary Moran, and Mary Powell, a statue of our founder, Julia C.R. Dorr, was erected on the southwest corner of the lot overlooking downtown. The Board of Trustees also reprinted and published a new collection of Dorr's poetry, *To the Bending Sky*, and hosted a fundraiser to mark the occasion.

Normal service resumed in our public meeting rooms with in-person activities. Many civic organizations took advantage, and library-sponsored programs started back up. Ongoing children's programs include Thursday Storytime, Monday Baby & Toddler Rock and a Wednesday Early Literacy Playgroup. There is also a free yoga class on Thursday afternoon.

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library partnership begun last year continues to exceed expectations. We have developed valuable community partnerships with local health care providers who introduce the service to parents of newborns. Each month DPIL mails free, age-appropriate books to children from birth until their fifth birthday. Ira parents can sign children up for this program at the library.

We purchased a book bike with a \$33,000 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant, made available through the Institute for Museum and Library Services and Vermont Dept. of Libraries. We also purchased an automated return system and two self-checkout stations, replacing 10-year-old, Windows 95-based machines. We bought equipment and portable shelving for the children's area. A second, smaller grant for FY2023 has been secured but not yet used.

The Library pays for all its materials and programs through the Nella Grimm Fox endowment. The Fox Fund also provides online materials through participation in statewide e-book and audiobook downloads via the Libby platform, plus streaming video service Kanopy and streaming audio via Freegal. And the Fund buys the very popular museum and park passes.

Items borrowed decreased during COVID, particularly during the Omicron surge in early fall of 2021, but rebounded with six consecutive months of year-over-year increases. Usage finished the year up by 6 percent. Online borrowing that peaked during the early days of the pandemic has settled in at about 15 percent of all loans. This year, along with the books, movies and audiotapes, a wood moisture meter is available to borrow.

Users with valid cards are up year over year, to 11,459 from 10,002 (14.5% increase).

Finally, the City of Rutland paid to replace our two boilers. They failed within months of each other having served well past their 30 expected years.

Rutland Free Library remains constantly grateful for Ira's ongoing support. They ask that a request for \$3,157, an increase of \$150 from the previous year, be placed on the March 2023 ballot.

-Allyn Kahle, Ira representative to RFL Board of Trustees

## Ira School Board Report

January, 2023

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 11% percent is made of the GRCSU and Special Education 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 FY24, we are anticipating a net decrease in our GRCSU and Special Ed assessment costs. These savings help offset tuition increases and result in a budget increase of 4.8% (\$35,964). This increase is due to the annual increase in tuition rates. There is also favorable news in the form of a projected surplus of \$63 million in Vermont Education Fund which Governor Scott is recommending be fully applied to reducing property tax rates. Therefore despite significant appreciation in real estate values in Ira this past year, utilization of this state surplus will result in Ira's tax rate estimated to decrease approx. 11 cents or 7.6%.

Please refer to the 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 2023

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. Lisa Mattison, GRCSU's Assistant Superintendent, is responsible for overseeing curriculum, instruction, assessment, professional development, academic grants, and teacher mentoring. 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 William Bazyk and includes all special education administrators, teachers, paraeducators, psychologists, PT, OT as well as Speech and PreK coordination. Lastly, Greg Connors heads the GRCSU's IT Department, which is responsible for maintaining all of the technology in the schools.

The 2022 summer months saw our schools offer expanded enrichment programs that allowed our students to learn with and from one another. Our diverse and engaging 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, and the availability of additional federal grant funds to support these programs again this year, our schools will continue offering enrichment programs during the summer of 2023. Information on our summer programming will be available later this spring.

Our focus this school year has remained on the critical work of our Recovery Plan and meeting the needs of each student to combat pandemic-related learning loss and to accelerate academic progress for all students. Our multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS) program received a significant reboot with additional training, resources, and expectations for all staff. With a renewed emphasis on data-driven decision making and targeted interventions for struggling students, our school-based teams are more effectively using evidence-based approaches to maximize the resources available to support student learning. Our staff have also collaborated to commit to high-leverage curriculum standards and literacy practices, and to ensuring that every student feels connected to our school community in ways that support their learning.

In addition, thanks to federal funding received through the "Seamless Summer" program, our GRCSU schools were again 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 present in our schools and learning. Over the course of this academic year, we have been impressed with the resiliency and positive attitudes of our students as well as the hard work and dedication of our GRCSU staff members as they continue to provide all of our students with access to a high-quality education.

This fall we shared our new GRCSU “Portrait of a Graduate,” which was developed with community input over the course of the prior school year. The GRCSU’s Portrait of a Graduate exemplifies the following five core competencies that articulate our community’s aspirations for all of our students: *Adaptability - Communication - Critical Thinking - Empathy - Responsibility*

While our “Portrait of a Graduate” does not replace a focus on academic achievement and excellence, it shows our communities’ commitment to investing in educational experiences that educate the whole child. The GRCSU’s Portrait of a Graduate design will serve as a symbol for the five themes we, as a community, value and hope that will prepare our students for the challenges and opportunities that lay ahead of them. In addition, our graduates will demonstrate their capacity to be responsible, adaptable, and resilient, to be critical thinkers and inquirers, to have self-awareness, be open-minded and empathetic while possessing the interpersonal skills to actively listen for understanding, and effectively communicate in a myriad of forms and contexts.

With the conclusion of our development of our “Portrait of a Graduate”, the GRCSU has begun the process of developing a five-year strategic plan through the involvement of students, staff, families, and community members. This strategic plan will directly link to our “Portrait of a Graduate” and 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. The GRCSU Design Team discussed the five priority areas for the GRCSU Strategic Plan. The priority areas are as follows:

1. Academic Success
2. Communication
3. Community Engagement
4. School Climate/Culture
5. School Improvement

We anticipate the GRCSU and local school boards adopting the Strategic Plan late in the Spring of 2023. Please visit our website ([grcsu.org](http://grcsu.org)) to learn more about our “Portrait of a Graduate” and Strategic Planning work.

In addition to the work outlined above, the GRCSU is interested in deepening our collaboration 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 reach out to your local building principal or attend a local school board meeting.

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 students - a delicate balancing act.

Please remember to vote on Town Meeting Day, March 7, 2023. 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 2023**

I write today amid significant changes in student services at the Greater Rutland Supervisory Union and at the state level. This year we are ushering in a new student services leadership team, and the Agency of Education is resetting special education policy.

I am the new Director of Student Support Services. My academic career began as a special education teacher at East Longmeadow High School in Massachusetts for ten years before moving to Vermont. I became a Director of Special Education for the Bennington Rutland Supervisory Union for seven years. I commuted to Greenfield, Massachusetts, to be their Director of Pupil Services for three years. For the last seven years, I have held the position of Superintendent/Director of Student Services for the Battenkill Valley Supervisory Union.

My educational leadership philosophy is based on collaboration. Each district I have been a part of has been a positive experience for children and adults by working with, entrusting, and empowering people around me.

To accomplish this, we have hired two Coordinators of Student Services. Tiffini Patterson oversees the Rutland Town, Proctor, and West Rutland schools. Katy Loomis oversees the Poultney, Wells, and Middletown Springs schools.

Tiffini Patterson is an 18-year veteran special educator who began her career in Virginia. Twelve years ago, she and her partner moved to Rutland, Vermont, to continue their careers in education and start a family near the snowy mountains of Killington. Tiffini recently completed her Principal license and Director of Special Education endorsement from Castleton University.

Katy Loomis is a Vermont native. She moved out of state for college and began her special education career in the Boston, Massachusetts, area. Five years ago, Katy returned to Vermont to start a family and continue her career as a special educator.

Filling out the new student services leadership team is Administrative Assistant Marisa Miller-Spadafora. Marisa lived in upstate New York until the fall of 2021, moving to Vermont for her husband's career. She has degrees in Accounting and Business Administration but has worked in many types of jobs.

We have been busy serving our 329 special education students and many more students who may be receiving ADA accommodations, experiencing homelessness, or ensuring their civil rights are protected. From the AOE, we are adjusting to a new funding formula instituted for this year and training for new special education rules coming for next year. Things have been going well due to the incredible dedication of all those who work for Student Services in the GRCSU. We were fortunate to come to a place with such a competent staff.

Respectfully Submitted,

William Bazyk



January 9, 2023

To Ira Town School District 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  
FY24 Budget - Board Approved**

Account	FY22 Actuals	FY23 Budget	FY24 Budget	Variance
<b>101-2101-450-00-1 Local Revenue</b>				
101-2101-450-00-1510-0000 Interest Income	\$ 209.62	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 250.00	\$ (750.00)
101-2101-450-00-1980-0010 PY Assessment Refund	\$ 2,113.93	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
101-2101-450-00-5400-0000 Prior Year Carryover	\$ -	\$ 7,235.52	\$ 2,965.10	\$ (4,270.42)
	<b>\$ 2,323.55</b>	<b>\$ 8,235.52</b>	<b>\$ 3,215.10</b>	<b>\$ (5,020.42)</b>
<b>101-2101-450-00-3 State Revenue</b>				
101-2101-450-00-3110-0000 State Support Grant	\$ 650,012.00	\$ 723,357.20	\$ 759,950.90	\$ 36,593.70
101-2101-450-00-3114-0000 From State to Tech Center	\$ 21,429.00	\$ 22,799.00	\$ 27,190.00	\$ 4,391.00
101-2101-450-00-3115-0000 Unenrolled Tech Revenue	\$ 16,824.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<b>\$ 688,265.00</b>	<b>\$ 746,156.20</b>	<b>\$ 787,140.90</b>	<b>\$ 40,984.70</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 690,588.55</b>	<b>\$ 754,391.72</b>	<b>\$ 790,356.00</b>	<b>\$ 35,964.28</b>
<b>101-2101-510 Elementary Tuition Expense</b>				
101-2101-511-11-1100-5610 PreK tuition Public	\$ 7,072.00	\$ 3,656.00	\$ 11,295.00	\$ 7,639.00
101-2101-510-11-1100-5610 In State Tuition	\$ 233,333.14	\$ 180,900.00	\$ 206,310.00	\$ 25,410.00
101-2101-510-11-1100-5660 Private School Tuition	\$ 16,862.55	\$ 7,121.42	\$ 7,263.00	\$ 141.58
	<b>\$ 257,267.69</b>	<b>\$ 191,677.42</b>	<b>\$ 224,868.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,190.58</b>
<b>101-2101-530-11 Secondary Tuition Expense</b>				
101-2101-530-11-1100-5610 In State Tuition	\$ 241,703.67	\$ 338,044.00	\$ 360,975.00	\$ 22,931.00
101-2101-530-11-1100-5660 Private Tuition	\$ 80,368.00	\$ 94,049.30	\$ 69,830.00	\$ (24,219.30)
101-2101-530-11-1100-8970 Prior Year Tuition	\$ 21.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<b>\$ 322,092.67</b>	<b>\$ 432,093.30</b>	<b>\$ 430,805.00</b>	<b>\$ (1,288.30)</b>
<b>101-2101-530-31 Vocational Tuition Expense</b>				
101-2101-530-31-1300-5680 Vocational On Behalf Pay	\$ 21,429.00	\$ 22,799.00	\$ 27,190.00	\$ 4,391.00
101-2101-530-31-1300-5690 Vocational Tuition	\$ 20,266.34	\$ 20,940.00	\$ 22,710.00	\$ 1,770.00
	<b>\$ 41,695.34</b>	<b>\$ 43,739.00</b>	<b>\$ 49,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,161.00</b>
<b>101-2101-550-11-23 Board of Education</b>				
101-2101-550-11-2311-3490 Professional Services	\$ 1,776.23	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ -
101-2101-550-11-2311-6100 Supplies	\$ 780.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
101-2101-550-11-2314-3410 Audit	\$ 3,075.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 250.00
	<b>\$ 5,631.23</b>	<b>\$ 6,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,850.00</b>	<b>\$ 250.00</b>
<b>101-2101-550-11-25 Fiscal Services</b>				
101-2101-550-11-2510-8300 Interest Expense	\$ 52.53	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
	<b>\$ 52.53</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>101-2101-550- Assessment Expense</b>				
101-2101-550-11-2590-5930 Assessment	\$ 31,773.83	\$ 37,836.00	\$ 39,448.00	\$ 1,612.00
101-2101-550-22-2490-5930 Special Ed Assessment	\$ 29,110.16	\$ 42,246.00	\$ 38,285.00	\$ (3,961.00)
	<b>\$ 60,883.99</b>	<b>\$ 80,082.00</b>	<b>\$ 77,733.00</b>	<b>\$ (2,349.00)</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 687,623.45</b>	<b>\$ 754,391.72</b>	<b>\$ 790,356.00</b>	<b>\$ 35,964.28 4.8%</b>

# GREATER RUTLAND COUNTY SUPERVISORY UNION

## Ira School District Assessment Summary

	<u>FY24</u>
<b>Summary of Assessments</b>	
Curriculum Administration	\$ 161,464
General Administration	\$ 438,189
Fiscal Services	\$ 636,923
Technology Services	\$ 537,993
Plant Operations	\$ 106,088
Special Ed	\$ 7,618,802
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,499,458</b>
Anticipated Non Assessment Revenue	\$ 4,732,712
<b>Amount to be Assessed to School Districts</b>	<b>\$ 4,766,746</b>
<b>Assessment to Ira School District</b>	<b>\$ 78,651</b>

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 2023-2024

<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	\$ 15,500	\$ 108,500
Castleton_Hubbardton	K-6	2	\$ 16,995	\$ 33,990
Middletown Springs Elem	K-6	3	\$ 15,500	\$ 46,500
Rutland Area Christian School	K-6	1	\$ 7,263	\$ 7,263
Clarendon Elementary	K-6	1	\$ 17,320	\$ 17,320
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$ 213,573</b>
<b>Secondary School</b>				
Rutland Town School	7-8	1	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000
Mill River H.S	7-12	2	\$ 18,150	\$ 36,300
West Rutland H.S.	7-12	16	\$ 18,000	\$ 288,000
Rutland Public School	7-12	1	\$ 19,675	\$ 19,675
LiHigh School	7-12	1	\$ 17,800	\$ 17,800
Long Trail School	7-12	2	\$ 17,800	\$ 35,600
MSJ	7-12	1	\$ 16,430	\$ 16,430
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>24</b>	<b>\$ 124,855</b>	<b>\$ 430,805</b>
<b>Grant Total</b>		<b>38</b>		<b>\$ 644,378</b>

### Ira Town School District FY24 Budget

	<u>FY23</u>	<u>FY23</u>	<u>Change %</u>
Education Spending	\$ 746,156	\$ 787,141	5.5%
Equalized Pupils	41.8	42.77	2.3%
Education Spending Per Equalized Pupil	\$ 17,851	\$ 18,404	3.1%
Estimated State Yield	\$ 13,314	\$ 15,479	16.3%
Estimated Tax Rate	\$ 1.3407	\$ 1.1890	-11.3%
Common Level of Appraisal	89.50%	85.87%	-4.1%
Estimated Tax Rate post CLA	\$ 1.4980	\$ 1.3846	-7.6%

District: <b>Ira</b> SU: <b>Greater Rutland County</b>		T101 Rutland County			Property dollar equivalent yield <b>15,479</b> <-- See bottom note	Homestead tax rate per \$15,479 of spending per equalized pupil <b>1.00</b>
		FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income
1.	<b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$710,903	\$673,941	\$754,392	\$790,356	
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>	\$710,903	\$673,941	\$754,392	\$790,356	
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-	
7.	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$710,903	\$673,941	\$754,392	\$790,356	
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	
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)	\$57,359	\$2,500	\$8,236	\$3,215	
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>	\$57,359	\$2,500	\$8,236	\$3,215	
14.	<b>Education Spending</b>	\$653,544	\$671,441	\$746,156	\$787,141	
15.	Equalized Pupils	42.39	41.25	41.80	42.77	
<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>		\$15,417.41	\$16,277.36	\$17,850.62	\$18,404.04	
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)	-	-	\$3.11	-	
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)	-	-	-	-	
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 = \$18,756 \$18,756.00	threshold = \$18,789 \$18,789.00	threshold = \$19,997 \$19,997.00	threshold = \$22,204 \$22,204.00	
27.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	2 year suspension	2 year suspension	suspended thru FY29	
28.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$15,417	\$16,277	\$17,851	\$18,404.04	
29.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	140.184% based on yield \$10,883	143.831% based on yield \$11,317	134.074% based on \$13,314	118.897% based on \$15,479	
<b>Prorating the local tax rate</b>						
30.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$18,404.04 ÷ (\$15,479 / \$1.00)]	\$1.4018 based on \$1.00	\$1.4383 based on \$1.00	\$1.3407 based on \$1.00	\$1.1890 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 \$1.19)	\$1.4018	\$1.4383	\$1.3407	\$1.1890	
33.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	97.14%	96.09%	89.50%	85.87%	
34.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.1890 / 85.87%)	\$1.4431 based on \$1.00	\$1.4968 based on \$1.00	\$1.4980 based on \$1.00	\$1.3847 based on \$1.00	
<p>If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a <b>PARTIAL</b> 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) [(\$18,404.04 ÷ \$17,600) x 2.00%]	2.28% based on 2.00%	2.36% based on 2.00%	2.24% based on 2.00%	2.09% based on 2.00%	
36.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.09%)	2.28% based on 2.00%	2.36% based on 2.00%	2.24% based on 2.00%	2.09% 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 \$64,000,000 surplus from the Education Fund. **New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.**

- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.

- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

**Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union**

**2022-2023 Staff List**

**GRCSU - Central Office Based & Shared Employees**

<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	\$ 45,414	0.00%
Bailey	Cara	School Psychologist	1.00	\$ 61,384	90.00%
Bazyk	William	Administrator	1.00	\$ 105,000	100.00%
Celauro	Sandra	PBL Coach	1.00	\$ 70,083	100.00%
Charron	Regina	SLP	1.00	\$ 59,731	0.00%
Collamore	Christina	Admin Assistant	1.00	\$ 40,716	50.00%
Coltey	Jennifer	PBL Coach	1.00	\$ 55,839	100.00%
Condrill	Jamieson	Tooth Tutor	0.17	\$ 8,359	100.00%
Connors	Greg	Administrator	1.00	\$ 97,995	0.00%
Covino	Vincent	IT Tech	1.00	\$ 57,879	0.00%
Coyle	Ellen	Sub Coordinator	1.00	\$ 45,936	100.00%
Dambrackas	Deborah	Benefit Specialist	1.00	\$ 56,000	0.00%
Daub	Neil	IT Tech	1.00	\$ 53,850	0.00%
Gardner III	Milton	IT System Admin	1.00	\$ 60,118	0.00%
Gregoritsch	Albert	Data Manager	1.00	\$ 64,515	100.00%
Hansen	Kristi	Evaluator	1.00	\$ 70,824	50.00%
Hayes	Angela	PreK Program Coordinator	0.42	\$ 30,000	100.00%
Hutchins	Elizabeth	SR Financial Analyst	1.00	\$ 56,100	0.00%
Livak	Delores	Bookkeeper	1.00	\$ 42,804	0.00%
Loomis	Katy	Coordinator for Student Services	1.00	\$ 80,000	100.00%
Manning	Jodi	SLP	1.00	\$ 85,330	0.00%
Marino	Kathy	Bookkeeper	1.00	\$ 44,140	0.00%
Mattison	Lisa	Administrator	1.00	\$ 101,745	45.00%
McGinnis	Kelsey	OT	1.00	\$ 55,713	0.00%
McGuinness	Kristine	Exec Asst to the Superintendent	1.00	\$ 47,794	0.00%
McKenzie	Thomas	IT Tech	1.00	\$ 39,672	0.00%
Milazzo	Louis	Administrator	1.00	\$ 105,525	0.00%
Miller-Spadafora	Marisa	Admin Assistant	1.00	\$ 43,848	80.00%
Milliman	Jesse	School Psychologist	1.00	\$ 78,190	90.00%
Mitchell	Ali	PT	1.00	\$ 65,583	0.00%
Moriarity	Shannon	Web Design Data Master	1.00	\$ 47,754	0.00%
Patterson	Tiffini	Coordinator for Student Services	1.00	\$ 80,000	100.00%
Patterson	Lori	Evaluator	1.00	\$ 74,237	0.00%
Pease	Janelle	Early Learning Coordinator	1.00	\$ 63,998	100.00%
Proctor	Heather	SLP	1.00	\$ 58,024	0.00%
Riter	Lindsay	Literacy Coordinator	1.00	\$ 74,970	100.00%
Sell	Christopher	Administrator	1.00	\$ 145,950	0.00%
Short	Sally	PT	0.06	\$ 5,914	0.00%
Smith	Corey	PBL Coach	1.00	\$ 64,773	100.00%
Sweet	Christina	Tooth Tutor	0.37	\$ 17,588	100.00%
Temple	Rachelle	COTA	0.53	\$ 22,780	0.00%
Thomas	Patricia	OT	1.00	\$ 73,180	0.00%
Van Guilder	Tina	Aware Grant Coordinator	1.00	\$ 67,626	100.00%
Weeden	Heather	SLP	1.00	\$ 82,343	0.00%
Wehof	Alena	PBL Coach	1.00	\$ 62,761	100.00%
White	Kevin	School Psychologist	1.00	\$ 74,873	0.00%
Wilson	Heather	SLP	1.00	\$ 56,318	0.00%
Wolinsky	Julie	SLP	1.00	\$ 64,851	0.00%

## **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 multidisciplinary team of people including the child's parents.

Please. If you suspect a child residing in one of these towns may be in need of special education, make a referral.

## **NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION**

The Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union and its member districts, will not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities including vocational education and special instruction as and to the extent provided by law.

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

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

**March 6 and March 7, 2023**

The legal voters of the Ira Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Ira Town Hall in said Town at seven o'clock in the evening on Monday March 6, 2023, to act on articles 1-4 from the floor and to recess to Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 10:00AM (polls open) through 7:00PM (polls close) to act on articles 5 through 6 by Australian Ballot at the Ira Town Office.

**March 6, 2023**

- Article 1. To hear the reports of the School Board and other District officials and act thereon.
- Article 2. School Budget: Shall the voters of the Ira School District approve the school board to expend \$790,356 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?
- It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,404 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 3.1 % more than spending for the current year.
- Article 3. Shall the Ira Town School District adopt its budget article or articles by Australian ballot?
- Article 4. To transact any other lawful business that comes before the meeting.

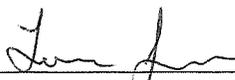
**March 7, 2023**

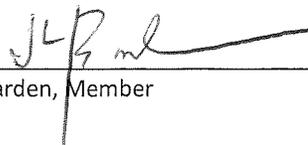
- Article 5. To elect a moderator for a term of one (1) year.
- Article 6. To elect a school director for a term of three (3) years.

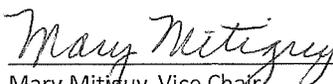
Said persons and voters are further warned and notified that pursuant to 17 V.S.A. Section 2680(h), Article 2 constitutes a Public Hearing on the proposed budget.

Dated at Ira, Vermont, January 24 , 2023

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Lance Jones, Chair

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeff Barden, Member

  
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Mary Mitiguy, Vice Chair

A true copy, attested and duly recorded  
As required by law on January 24, 2023

  
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Town Clerk

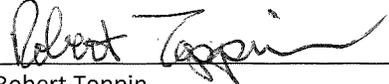
**WARNING**  
**Town of Ira, Vermont**

The legal voters of the Town of Ira, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Ira Town Hall on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 7:30 pm for an informational hearing and to act on Articles 2 -15 from the floor and to recess to Tuesday, March 7, 2023, between 10:00 am and 7:00 pm, to act on Article 1 by Australian Ballot at the Ira Town Office.

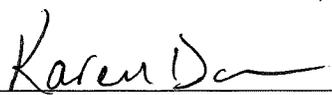
Article 1.	To Elect all Town Officers as required by law . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Auditor for a term of three years</li> <li>• Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of one year</li> <li>• Lister for a term of three years</li> <li>• School Director for a term of three years</li> <li>• School Moderator for a term of one year</li> <li>• Select Board member for a term of three years</li> <li>• Town Moderator for a term of one year</li> </ul>
Article 2.	To hear the reports of the Town Officers
Article 3.	Shall the Town of Ira adopt all budget articles by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680(c)?
Article 4.	Shall the Town of Ira vote on all public questions by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680(d)?
Article 5.	Shall the voters authorize the Town Treasurer, pursuant to 32 V.S.A § 4971 to collect current taxes on or before October 24, 2023?
Article 6.	Shall the voters authorize the total expenditure of \$328,362 for the Town General Fund and Highway Fund for the fiscal year 7/1/23 -6/30/24, for which \$ 236,667 shall be raised by taxes and \$91,695 by non-tax revenue?
Article 7.	Shall the voters appropriate \$12,221.60 to be raised by taxes for the Rutland County Sheriff's Department, in addition to \$12,000 included in the Town General Fund expenditures in Article 4 above for a total of \$24,221.60?
Article 8.	Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$48,550 for the support of the Ira Volunteer Fire Department to provide services to the residents of Ira?
Article 9.	Shall the voters appropriate \$15,000 to go into the reserve fund for the purpose of replacing a fire truck?
Article 10.	Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$3,157 for the support of the Rutland Free Library to provide services to residents of Ira?
Article 11.	Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$973 for the support of the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region to provide services to residents of the town?
Article 12.	Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$300 for support of Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging to provide elder services to residents of the Town?
Article 13.	Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$375 to support RSVP?
Article 14.	Shall the voters appropriate the funds of \$250 needed to support the Bird's Eye View?
Article 15.	To transact any other legal and proper business to come before this meeting.

Dated: January 24, 2023

  
Nathan Hewitt, Chair

  
Robert Toppin

Received and recorded this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023

  
Karen Davis, Town Clerk

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# NOTICE TO VOTERS

## For Local Elections

### **BEFORE ELECTION DAY:**

**CHECKLIST POSTED** at Clerks Office by February 5, 2023. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 15, 2023.

**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.vermont.gov](http://olvr.vermont.gov).

**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.vermont.gov](http://mvp.vermont.gov). The latest you can request ballots for the Annual Town Election is the close of the Town Clerk's office on March 2, 2023 by 2:30 pm. (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 clerk's 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:**

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- 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.

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## NOTICE TO VOTERS For Local Floor Annual or Special Meetings

### BEFORE MEETING DAY:

**CHECKLIST POSTED** at Clerks Office by February 5, 2023. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote.

**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.vermont.gov](http://olvr.vermont.gov).

### ON MEETING 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. 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.

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## Town Officers

March 2022

Position	Officer	Year Elected	Term	Term Ends
Auditors	Tina Graves	March 2021	3 Year	2024
	Christine Tyminski	March 2020	3 Year	2023
	Terry Genovesi	March 2022	3 Year	2025
Delinquent Tax Collector	Deborah Perry	March 2022	1 Year	2023
First Constable	Fran Lloyd	March 2022	2 Year	2024
Listers	Karen Davis	March 2022	3 Year	2025
	Janine Peterson	March 2021 to complete the remaining 2 years of 3-year term	3 Year	2023
	James Genovesi	March 2021	3 Year	2024
Moderator (Town & School)	Mary Mitiguy	March 2022	1 Year	2023
School Directors	Mary Mitiguy	March 2020	3 Year	2023
	Lance Jones	March 2021	3 Year	2024
	Jeff Barden	March 2022	3 Year	2025
	Darin May	March 2022	3 Year	2025
Select Board	Robert Toppin	March 2021	3 Year	2024
	Nathan Hewitt	March 2020	3 Year	2023
	Karen Davis	March 2021	3 Year	2024
Town Clerk	Karen Davis	March 2021	3 Year	2024
Town Treasurer	Deborah Perry	March 2021	3 Year	2024
Justices	Mary Ann Black	November 2022	2 Year	2024
	Alta Johnston	November 2022	2 Year	2024
	Madeline Kerstetter	November 2022	2 Year	2024
	Larry Taggart	November 2022	2 Year	2024
	Bob Toppin	November 2022	2 Year	2024

## Appointed Officers

Assistant Town Clerk	Jerri Hoffman
Assistant Treasurer	Donald Berg
Health Officer	Larry Taggart
Tree Warden	Jeff Davis
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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