

Town of Ira
Select Board Meeting Minutes
Date: March 24, 2026

Present: Nathan Hewitt, Darin May, Bob Toppin, Alden Hewitt, Maggie O'Brien (RRPC), Bob Williams (ATV), Lane Corey (ATV), Bobbi Raiche, Jerri Hoffman

Nathan called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

Review and approve agenda: Nathan made a motion to approve the agenda with the revision to add approval of the 3/2/26 informational meeting minutes, Darin 2nd; passed unanimously.

Warrant for bills: Darin made a motion to approve & sign the 03/24/26 warrant, Nathan 2nd; passed unanimously.

Darin made a motion to approve the 2/24/26 and 3/2/26 meeting minutes, Nathan 2nd; passed unanimously.

Business and Administrative

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	RESOLUTION
Select Board	Elect Chair	Darin made a motion to elect Nathan as chair, Nathan 2 nd ; passed unanimously.
	Elect select board clerk	Nathan made a motion to not elect select board clerk as board has administrative assistant, Darin 2 nd ; passed unanimously.
	Set regular meeting schedule	Nathan made a motion to keep the current schedule of the 4 th Tuesday of the month, Darin 2 nd ; passed unanimously.
	Designate physical locations for posting agendas & notices	Nathan made a motion to keep current posting locations of outside of Town Office and Town Hall, West Rutland post office, and Town website; Darin 2 nd ; passed unanimously.
	Designate local newspaper for posting notices	Nathan made a motion to use the Rutland Herald as local newspaper for posting notices; Darin 2 nd ; passed unanimously.
	Appoint Tree Warden	Nathan made a motion to reappoint Darin May as tree warden; Darin 2 nd ; passed unanimously.
	ATV club annual landowner permission form	Nathan made a motion to sign the landowner permission for a three-year term ending 9/30/2028, Darin 2 nd ; passed unanimously. An updated copy of insurance will be required annually. Nathan signed the agreement which will be up for review in March of 2029.
	Maggie O'Brien from Rutland Regional Planning Commission	Maggie O'Brien reintroduced the Rutland Regional disaster cooperative initiative and noted sub-regions were developed for facilitated discussions to identify common trends in emergency situations. Ira has been included in the southwest sub-region with Poultney, Middletown Springs, and Wells. An in-person three-hour facilitated discussion has been scheduled for May 6 th . Maggie requested that three individuals from Ira be designated to attend. Bob Toppin, Ira's Emergency Management Director, agreed to attend. Two other individuals will be recruited.
	Review and sign Municipal Resolution from the RRPC	Discussion was tabled until next month.
	Nathan made a motion to reappoint Tim	

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	<p>Appointment to Rutland County Solid West District</p> <p>Appointment to RRPC Commission and transportation committees</p>	<p>Carter to RCSWD, Darin 2nd; passed unanimously.</p> <p>Nathan made a motion to reappoint Bob Kirbach to RRPC and Bob Toppin to Transportation Committee, Darin 2nd; passed unanimously.</p>
Treasurer Report	None	None
Highway Business	<p>General Road/equipment update</p> <p>Annual Town Highway Financial Plan (VT Trans)</p> <p>Summer Road Work Discussion</p>	<p>A load of Shurpac was delivered and Alden has been filling potholes on West Road</p> <p>An email was received from John Redpath as agreement to fix the ditch on West Road bordering their south sugar-bush collection site. They agree to make all repairs as soon as the sugaring is complete in 2nd half of April. They also agree to get all necessary approvals and permits for a more permanent solution for sap gathering at this site going forward.</p> <p>Board reviewed and signed the annual Town Highway Financial Plan (VT Trans).</p> <p>The remaining gravel budget should be used before the end of June.</p>
TOPIC		
Public Comments	None	None
Maintenance & Repairs to Town Buildings	<p>Report of maintenance concerns from monthly inspection by DHP</p> <p>School House roof</p>	<p>No report</p> <p>Jim Mailhote will take a look at the roof and give repair estimate.</p>
Cemetery Committee		<p>Jerri is working with VOCA to schedule a date to walk through the cemetery to determine scope of stone repair. A date for a workday with VOCA and Ira volunteers will be scheduled this summer.</p>
New or Other Business	None	None
Executive Session (legal, personnel, real estate)	None	None
Adjourn		<p>Nathan made a motion to adjourn at 7:08 pm, Darin 2nd; passed unanimously.</p>
<p>In my capacity as the minute recorder for the Ira Select Board, I certify that the above is a true and accurate copy of the approval minutes of the board meeting held on March 24, 2026.</p>		

Recording: Jerri Hoffman