

Approved 11-26-24

Town of Ira
Select Board Meeting Minutes
Date: October 29, 2024

Present: Nathan Hewitt, Tim Carter, Darin May, Jeff Davis, Karen Davis, Dave Kerstetter, Bob Kirbach, James Mars, Jr., Sara Meling, Barbara Noyes, Tim Perry, Jerri Hoffman

Nathan called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Review and approve agenda: Darin made a motion to approve the agenda, Tim 2nd, passed unanimously.

Warrant for bills: Tim made a motion to approve & sign the 10/29/24 warrants, Darin 2nd, passed unanimously.

Nathan made a motion to approve the 10/8/24 meeting minutes, Darin 2nd, passed unanimously.

Business and Administrative

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	RESOLUTION
Select Board	Barbara Noyes Pulling – Rutland Regional Planning Commission –update on Regional Plan	<p>Barbara Noyes provided a handout recapping the outcomes and policies drafted as a result of Phase 1 feedback. Phase 2 is now being launched with a survey seeking input on draft policies. The survey will be open until November 15th. Barbara noted there would be a public meeting at RRPC on Evelyn Street on Oct. 30 at 6:00 pm.</p> <p>It was suggested that a digital link to the survey and Phase 1 recap and policies be sent to the Town Clerk for forwarding to all residents for wider participation.</p> <p>Bob Kirbach, Chair of the Ira Planning Commission stated that the fee for RRPC participation for the town is being changed to \$1 per capita versus the previous \$1,000 annual fee. Bob also said a Town Planning Tool kit will be available starting next year and encouraged the SB to reach out.</p>
	Winter Road maintenance discussion	<p>Discussion of winter roads to be maintained and responsibility concluded as follows:</p> <p>Dave Kerstetter will be responsible for the smaller dead end roads: Fish Hill, Middletown Springs Road, Upper Cross Road Ext., Kahle Road, and Ira Birdseye Road. The SB wants to evaluate how well a smaller truck will handle Birdseye Road.</p> <p>James Mars, Jr. will be responsible for winter maintenance of West Road, Cross Roads, Pyka Road, Weaver Hill, and Toppin Road.</p> <p>Roads should be cleared by 6:00 a.m.</p> <p>Tim Perry will serve as backup.</p> <p>Tim Carter will be contact SB member for any winter road issues.</p> <p>All parties shared contact information.</p> <p>James Mars, Jr. will set up a camera at the town garage to monitor conditions.</p> <p>Jeff Davis and James Mars, Jr. will meet October 30th to</p>

	<p>Appointment of representative to the Rutland County Solid Waste District</p> <p>Budget FY26 discussion</p> <p>Town Hall use, and rental agreements signed: 10/19/24 Potluck, 11/2/24 family gathering (rental) and 12/6/24 tree lighting.</p>	<p>orient James to the truck and roads.</p> <p>There was discussion of putting a radio in the truck.</p> <p>Tim Carter will get required locks for the fuel barrel, grader fuel cap and battery box for grader.</p> <p>Tim Carter volunteered to serve as the town's representative to RCSWD. Nathan made a motion to appoint Tim, Darin 2nd; no alternate.</p> <p>Karen and Debbie Perry will pull together initial numbers based on last year's budget and actuals for money that will be spent beginning July of next year. SB will review in November.</p> <p>Bobbi signed agreements for the 10/19/24 potluck and the 12/6/24 tree lighting. The 11/2/24 is a paid rental for a family gathering.</p>
Treasurer Report	None	
Clerk Report	None	
Highway Business	General Road/equipment update	<p>Grader needs cylinder repacked. Tim Carter will take to Hawkins on Whipple Hollow Road.</p> <p>Jeff indicated truck is ready to go for winter.</p> <p>Nathan stated there have been complaints on road from Cross Roads to West Rutland with roads being torn up. Jeff stated as soon as they are repaired, they get torn up again.</p>
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Public Comments		A letter of complaint was received from Tom Williams on West Road about leaves from the road being blown on his front yard. Tim Carter will call Mr. Williams.
Maintenance & Repairs to Town Buildings	<p>Report of maintenance concerns from monthly inspection by DHP</p> <p>Bob Toppin- annual Preservation Trust report of Town Hall</p>	<p>Fire extinguishers inspected. Tested emergency lights. Setup emergency heat failure light at Town Hall. Furnaces will be cleaned soon.</p> <p>Bob Toppin met with Meg from Preservation Trust. Everything is good; walked around outside and noted slate had been repaired and bell installation.</p>
Cemetery Committee		One burial completed; another burial this weekend.

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New or Other Business		None
Executive Session (legal, personnel, real estate)	None	None
Adjourn		Nathan made a motion to adjourn at 7:07 pm.
In my capacity as the minute taker 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 October 29, 2024.		

Recording: Jerri Hoffman