

Approved 5-27-25

Town of Ira
Select Board Meeting Minutes
Date: April 22, 2025

Present: Nathan Hewitt, Tim Carter, Darin May, Bob Toppin

Nathan called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

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

Warrant for bills: Tim made a motion to approve & sign the 4/22/25 warrants; Darin 2nd; passed unanimously.

Nathan made a motion to approve the 3/25/25 meeting minutes with changes to highway business e. General

Road/Equipment update. Truck, sander and backhoe need to be power washed. Darin 2nd passed unanimously.

Business and Administrative

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	RESOLUTION
Select Board	Fence at the town office	Nathan reported that Neil Lincoln called him about his concerns about the fence along his and the town's property line being removed. Nathan told him that the two end posts, corner post, and line post with the bird house are going to be left to mark the approximate location of the property line. Nathan said that the fence is on the town side of the property line and its upkeep falls solely on the town so the decision to take it down was based on the cost of the upkeep of the fence.
	Minute taker for select board meetings	Jerri is currently unable to be available to take the select board meeting minutes. Nathan is currently taking the minutes. The board will look into solutions at the next regular meeting.
	RRPC request for special select board meeting regarding the Rutland Regional Plan	Nathan made a motion to have a special meeting on May 6 th at 6:00 pm for the RRPC to present. Tim 2 nd passed unanimously.
	David Childress, Middletown select board, chair – letter to VT Trans regarding the poor condition of Route 133	Nathan made a motion to sign the letter to VT Trans regarding the poor conditions of Route 133. Darin 2 nd approved unanimously.
	Reapprove driveway permit on Ira Birdseye Road	Tim made a motion to renew the driveway permit for Cynthia and David Henry waiving any fee for renewal. Nathan 2 nd passed unanimously.
Treasurer Report	None	none
Lister Report	Update on the reappraisal	The listers have sent out letters to prospective appraisal firms. The state reappraisal forms have been filed with the state.

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Highway Business	Ditch on Redpath property on West Road	The board called John Capen (during the meeting) and told him the gravel has to be removed from the ditch. The Redpath's have to fill out an application/right of way permit and get it approved to put in a culvert. John later called back and said the access is not on the Redpath property. The board told him the other landowner would then have to fill out an application for a permit.
	Purchasing tools for garage	Darin made a motion for Tim Carter to spend up to \$400.00 for an air compressor for the town garage. Nathan 2 nd approved unanimously.
	General Road/equipment update	The truck, sander, and backhoe still need to be powered washed. Tim and James are going to get it done. Tim is going to reach out to Brad Nadeau to repair the piston on the grader and change the oil in it.
	Summer road work discussion	Three (3) bids were submitted to pave 500' of the West Road from Route 133 to just beyond the drive to the town office, and the rest of the town office parking lot. Bids were received from Quality Paving, Wilk Paving, and Hunter Excavating. Nathan made a motion to approve the bid from Wilk Paving for \$58,558.00. Tim 2 nd passed unanimously. Looking for someone to grade the road and do summer road work.
ATOPIC		
Public Comments		Bob Toppin asked for assistance in filling out the new Emergency Management Plan paperwork. Tim Carter will work with him on it.
Maintenance & Repairs to Town Buildings	Report of maintenance concerns from monthly inspection by DHP	No report
Cemetery Committee	None	No report
New or Other Business		none
Executive Session (legal, personnel, real estate)	None	None
Adjourn		Tim made a motion to adjourn at 7:37 pm Nathan 2 ⁿ ; passed unanimously.
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 April 22, 2025.		

Recording: Nathan Hewit