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Town of Ira
Select Board Meeting Minutes
Date: April 18, 2023

Present: Nathan Hewitt, Karen Davis, Bob Toppin, Darin May, Debbie Perry, Joseph Callahan, Jeff Davis-called in.
Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm.

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

Warrant for bills: Darin made a motion to approve & sign the 4/18/23 warrants for bills, Bob 2nd passed unanimously.

Review Minutes: Darin made a motion to approve the minutes from 3/30/23, Bob 2nd passed unanimously.

Recording: Nathan Hewitt

Business and Administrative

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	RESOLUTION
Select Board	Adopt Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP)	Nathan made a motion to adopt the updated LEMP. Karen will submit to RRPC. Darin 2 nd passes unanimously.
	Adopt the Public Works Mutual Aid agreement	Nathan made a motion to adopt the Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement appointing Bob Toppin as primary contact and Darin May as the alternate. Karen will submit to RRPC. Bob 2 nd passed unanimously.
	Appointments to Rutland Regional Planning Commission and Transportation Committee	Nathan made a motion to appoint Bob Kirbach to the RRPC and Larry Taggart to the transportation Committee. Darin 2 nd passed unanimously.
	Town Health Officer recommendations	Nathan made a motion to recommend Larry Taggart for the position of Health Officer. Bob 2 nd passed unanimously. Karen will submit the recommendation form to the health department.
	Town Garage (salt/sand shed)	Received proposals for excavation for pre concrete site work for the new sand/salt shed from Fabian Earth Moving for \$3,850 and James Mars for \$1,750. Nathan made a motion to approve the proposal from James Mars for \$1,750. Darin 2 nd passed unanimously.
	Driveway application from Joseph Callahan (Middletown Hill Road-class 4)	The board reviewed the permit. Jeff said a culvert should be put under the town road to the <i>west</i> corner of the driveway and the side of the road ditch above the culvert to keep water from running down the road. Joseph disagreed. Darin reclused himself since he is related to Joseph. Nathan, Bob, Darin, and Joseph drove out to look at the driveway. Nathan thought that since the permit was for a driveway and not working in a town road and no culvert was needed under the driveway Joseph should not be responsible for putting a culvert under the town road. Nathan made a motion to approve the driveway permit. Bob 2 nd .
Follow-up on driveway permit from E Davis	No culvert has been put in at the driveway which was one of the permit requirements. Darin said he had looked at it since the driveway had been put in and there was no need for a culvert. Nathan noted on the permit which runs out on 4-19-23 that no	

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		culvert was needed.
Treasurer Report		Debbie handed out a current highway financial statement.
Clerk Report		none
Highway Business	<p>FY24 Grants in Aid letter of intent to participate</p> <p>FY24 Better Road Grant Award: Birdseye and Pyka Roads- ditching/berm removal</p> <p>Road Employee Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General update 2. Equipment update 	<p>Signed letter and Karen will submit to the VT Trans-awarded \$8,100.</p> <p>Awarded \$19,000 to bring 5 segments up to the MRPG expectations.</p> <p>The roads have been graded and need material. There is approximately \$23,000 left budgeted to buy road material. Jeff will coordinate trucking of gravel and start at the town office. Jeff will get quotes to install the new culvert by Sara Meling's.</p> <p>Sold the grader for \$15,000</p>
TOPIC	DISCUSSION	
Public Comments		none
Maintenance & Repairs to Town Buildings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report of maintenance concerns from monthly inspection by DHP 2. Heat pump for town office 3. Painting the schoolhouse 	<p>None</p> <p>Received quotes from Jim Keys for \$4,800, Tim Harte for \$4,400, and Rob Raiche for \$4,250. Bob made a motion to approve the quote from Rob Raiche for \$4,250 contingent on insurance. Darin 2nd passed unanimously.</p> <p>Nathan made a motion to purchase five gallons of paint from Yankee Paint. Darin 2nd passed unanimously. Karen will get a charge account set-up at Yankee Paint.</p>
Cemetery Committee	None	none
New or Other Business	<p>VT Trans- Route 4a Bridge</p> <p>VT Trans- weight limit signs</p> <p>Opioid Settlement</p>	<p>VT Transportation is proposing to replace a bridge on Route 4a in North Ira and are asking the board if they would allow VT Trans to hold the presentation and public information meeting at a regular upcoming select board meeting. Karen will contact VT Trans to arrange the date for VT Trans to attend.</p> <p>VT Trans will be installing new weight limit signs on bridges for emergency vehicles.</p> <p>We were advised by the VT Assistant Attorney General to send our share to the statewide Opioid Abatement fund.</p>
Executive Session (legal, personnel, real estate)	none	none
Adjourn		Nathan made a motion to adjourn at 8:09 pm. Darin 2 nd passed unanimously.

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In my capacity as a member of 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 April 18, 2023