

Town of Ira
Select Board Meeting Minutes
Date: April 19, 2022

Present: Nathan Hewitt, Karen Davis, Bob Toppin, Debbie Perry, Tim Carter, Sara Meling, Ben Saunders, Steve Pietryka, Mark FitzGerald, David Kerstetter, Steffanie Bourque from RRPC.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

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

Warrants for bills: Nathan made a motion to approve & sign the (2) 4/8/22 and 4/19/22 warrants for bills. Bob 2nd passed unanimously.

Review Minutes: Bob made a motion to approve the minutes from 3/15/22, Nathan 2nd passed unanimously

Recording: Nathan Hewitt

Business and Administrative

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	RESOLUTION
Select Board	<p>Presentation of final draft of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP)</p> <p>Adopt the Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP)</p> <p>Adopt the Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement</p> <p>Mark FitzGerald – ATV permission form</p> <p>ARPA Funds: Shall the Town of Ira elect to claim the ‘standard allowance’ approach for our ARPA funds?</p> <p>Sara Meling - concerns</p> <p>Driveway permit application from Ed Davis (Birdseye Road)</p>	<p>Steffanie Bourque presented the final draft of the LHMP. The public comment period is open until May 4th. Nathan made a motion that if review comments are minimal the board will approve at the close of the public comment period. Submitting the plan for approval pending adoption. Bob 2nd passed unanimously.</p> <p>Nathan made a motion to adopt the LEMP and NIMS. Bob 2nd passed unanimously.</p> <p>Nathan made a motion to adopt the Public Works Mutual Aid agreement. Bob 2nd passed unanimously.</p> <p>Mark FitzGerald presented the ATV permission form. The board approved and signed.</p> <p>Nathan made a motion to move that the Town of Ira made the one-time irrevocable decision to elect the “Standard Allowance” approach for our ARPA award in the amount of \$129,434.98, to spend on the provisions of government services throughout the period of performance of the grant. Bob 2nd passed unanimously.</p> <p>Sara Meling brought her concerns to the board about damage to her property from the snowplow and close calls with the snowplow when she was walking this past winter. The board dually noted her concerns.</p> <p>Bob made a motion to approve Ed Davis driveway permit application with conditions: minimum 18” plastic culvert smooth on the inside. Nathan 2nd passed unanimously.</p>

	<p>Driveway permit application from Thomas Marshall (Birdseye Road)</p> <p>Report from the annual Preservation Trust visit on the Town Hall</p>	<p>Bob will draft a letter to Ed that the town will not relocate their culvert that drains onto his property.</p> <p>Bob made a motion to approve Thomas Marshall's driveway permit applications with conditions: driveway must meet Birdseye Rd at 90° for a minimum of 25'. Culvert must be a minimum of 18" diameter, plastic, smooth on the inside.</p> <p>Bob had a phone meeting with Meg Campbell from the Preservation Trust for the annual Town Hall visit. Everything is good.</p>
Treasurer Report	None	Debbie handed out a highway budget status report. To date there is approximately \$97,000.00 left for this fiscal year.
Clerk Report	Dog and Traffic ordinances: no petitions received they become effective on April 24, 2022	No petitions received. The ordinances become effective on April 24, 2022.
Lister Report	None	Started meeting.
Highway Business	<p>Update from site visits with Dept of Transportation</p> <p>Grants in Aid project</p> <p>Road equipment maintenance update</p> <p>Cleaning of ditches and culverts</p> <p>Tree and brush cutting</p>	<p>Bob and David met with Alan May and Christine Emmons from VT Trans. Nathan made a motion to purchase two 20 foot 18" culverts to replace Lonergan's driveway culvert on Birdseye Road and have Fabian Earth Moving do the work at the expense of the landowner. Bob 2nd passed unanimously.</p> <p>Bob will be meeting with Steffanie on 4/21/22.</p> <p>Looking for a mechanic to do work on the grader.</p> <p>DHP will start cleaning out ditches and culverts.</p> <p>Nathan made a motion to have Jeff Davis and Benjamin Kerstetter continue cutting brush and removing hazardous trees within the towns right of way. Not to exceed \$6,000.00. Bob 2nd passed unanimously.</p>
TOPIC	DISCUSSION	
Public Comments	none	none
Maintenance & Repairs to Town Buildings	Report of maintenance concerns from monthly inspection by DHP	Emergency exit light at the Town Hall needs battery replaced.
Cemetery Committee	none	Mower is going to get serviced.
New or Other Business	none	none
Executive Session (legal, personnel, real	none	none

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estate)		
Adjourn	8:03 pm	Nathan made a motion to adjourn at 8:03 pm. Bob 2 nd passed unanimously.
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 19, 2022		