

Town of Ira
Select Board Meeting Minutes
Date: June 25, 2024

Present: Nathan Hewitt, Jim Genovesi, Darin May, Karen Davis, Jeff Davis, Jared Blake, Bob & Doreen Williams, Bob Toppin
Jim called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

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

Warrant for bills: Darin made a motion to approve & sign the 6/25/2024 warrant for bills, Nathan 2nd, passed unanimously.

Nathan made a motion to approve the 5/28/2024 meeting minutes, Darin 2nd, passed unanimously.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	
Select Board	Bob Williams, ATV club – annual landowner permission form Town Garage – Parker Water Wells completed Driveway application from Jared and Kylie Peterson off West Road FT25 Rutland County Sheriff Contract S.55 - Open Meeting Law upcoming changes	Jim made a motion to approve the landowner permission form, 2 nd by Nathan. Passed unanimously. Water well is drilled Jeff completed a site visit and no culvert required. Darin made a motion to sign the permit, 2 nd by Jim. Passed unanimously. Signed the FY25 contract with the Rutland County Sheriff. Karen will submit the contract. The board review the information available at the time of the meeting outlining the changes to the open law that will begin on July 1, 2024, and discussed it in length. The board unanimously agreed that our town does not have sufficient personnel, IT expertise or the equipment available to meet the recording compliance piece of the amended open meeting law. In addition, our budget does not allow for the expense of hiring additional staff to meet this requirement. They will be requesting an exemption from the recording provision due to imposing an undue hardship on the municipality.
Treasurer Report	None	None
Listers	Finished Grand List Reappraisal order received and acknowledged	Lister have completed grievance hearings and will complete the grand list on Tuesday. Karen read the 2024 Reappraisal order to the board. Jim signed the acknowledgment form. Karen will submit to PVR.
Clerk Report	Town Hall use for game night on 8/16/24	Bobbi approved the use of the Town Hall for Game Night.

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Highway Business	General Roads/equipment update Grant Updates	Brakes were repaired on the truck. West Road was top coated, a layer of fine grizzles will be added this week and then graded. Other town roads will be graded in the coming week or 2 as the weather permits. Alan May, VT Trans will be in town on July 1 st to inspect the FY24 Grants in Aid project on West Road and authorize a FY25 Grants in Aid project.
TOPIC		
Committees and Public Comments	None	None
Maintenance & Repairs to Town Buildings	Report of maintenance concerns from monthly inspection	No report from Dave. Darin found the corner pin for the town office lot. Jim suggested we leave 3 sections of fence up at the corners to show the town office property.
Cemetery Committee	None	The mower has been serviced and the old trimmer repaired to have as a spare.
New or Other Business	Email from Mark FitzGerald regarding Fish Hill Road	Karen read the email from Mark regarding Fish Hill Road. Jim will contact Mark to address his concerns. Nathan suggested someone contact Tim Perry (back-up road employee) to see if he is interested in the plowing job for this coming winter, Jim will reach out to Tim. The board will focus on a design for the addition at the garage before moving forward.
Executive Session (legal, personnel, real estate)	None	None
Adjourn		Darin made a motion to adjourn at 7:18 pm, Nathan 2nd, passed unanimously.
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 June 25, 2024		

Recording: Karen Davis