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Town of Ira
Select Board Meeting Minutes
Date: July 23, 2024

Present: Nathan Hewitt, Darin May, Karen Davis, Janine Peterson, Tim Perry, Tim Carter, Christine Tyminski

Nathan called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

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 6/30/24 and 7/23/24 warrant for bills, Nathan 2nd, passed unanimously.

Nathan made a motion to approve the 6/25/24 meeting minutes, Darin 2nd, passed unanimously.

Business and Administrative

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	RESOLUTION
Select Board	Resignation of select board member FY25 annual contract for limited services with: Ben Kerstetter and DHP LLC Discuss and act on open meeting law changes (ACT133) Calculate and set FY25 tax rate	Jim Genovesi submitted a letter of resignation on July 18 th . Jim had been serving as Chair with Nathan serving as co-chair; Nathan will serve as Chair for tonight's meeting. Tim Carter expressed interest in serving on Select Board. Opening needs to be posted. Board will make appointment at the next meeting in August. The appointment will be effective until March Town meeting. Board reviewed and signed contracts. Karen will obtain insurance papers. Nathan called Tim Martin for clarity following last month's meeting and Tim suggested contacting the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. <i>Nathan contacted the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and spoke to Garrett.</i> Municipalities are exempt from the recording provision if compliance would impose an "undue hardship" meaning compliance would require significant difficulty or expense in light of factors including the overall size of the entity, sufficient personnel and staffing availability, the entity's budget, and the costs associated with compliance. The Board's decision would affect non-advisory bodies such as audit committee and listers. Following discussion, the Board and others present unanimously agreed that an Undue Exemption should be requested due to lack of technical knowledge and limited town personnel and budget resources. Nathan made a motion to claim an Undue Hardship exemption, Darin 2 nd , passed unanimously. It was also noted that an Open Meeting Law training requirement is effective 1/1/25. Karen handed out the tax rate worksheet. Nathan moved to approved FY25 municipal tax rate at .7116; Darin 2 nd , passed unanimously.
Treasurer Report	None	None

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Highway Business	<p>General Road/equipment update</p> <p>Grant Updates: FY25 Grants in Aid & Better Road Grant</p> <p>RRPC has inquired about Ira hosting the August Road foreman gathering at the sand/shed on August 21 at noon.</p>	<p>Nathan took Piston for repair Grader spare tire has been brought in for repaired Washed truck to get it ready to take to Carrara's for oil undercoating.</p> <p>Jeff Davis met with Alan May of VTRANS who identified two segments on West Road to be completed under FY25 Grants in Aid.</p> <p>Better Road Grant work has been started.</p> <p>Karen approved; 21st at noon; they will provide pizza and soda.</p>
TOPIC		
Public Comments	Karen Davis	<p>Cindy Wragg had stopped by the Town Office when the Clerk's son was there reading. Cindy stated she felt it was inappropriate for him to be present at a place of business. Brief discussion followed and no one present had any issue with the Clerk having her son at the office periodically.</p>
Maintenance & Repairs to Town Buildings	Report of maintenance concerns from monthly inspection by DHP	<p>Still trying to find a contractor to repair the roof at the Town Hall. Will contact Jim Mailhoit Roofing to see they are available.</p> <p>Rob Stubbins submitted a quote for electrical work to get power into sand/salt shed. Jeff and Jerry can pull wire through. Not to go over \$2,000, in case he needs to buy new panel. Karen will contact Stubbins. Nathan made a motion to accept. Darin 2nd; passed unanimously.</p>
Cemetery Committee	None	None
New or Other Business	none	none
Executive Session (legal, personnel, real estate)	None	<p>Darin made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:43, Nathan 2nd.</p> <p>Out of executive session at 7:00.</p> <p>Recap: Tim Perry will be backup winter roads person; not interested in plowing the roads full time.</p>
Adjourn		Nathan made a motion to adjourn at 7:05 pm, Darin 2 nd ; passed unanimously.

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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 July 23, 2024.

Recording: Jerri Hoffman