



Randolph Fire District #1
PO BOX 314
Randolph Center, VT 05061

*Minutes For Special Meeting on
Wednesday, May 13, 2026
Time: 7:00 P.M.*

Location: Red School House in Randolph Center.

Members Present: Meredith LaLumia, Shannon Trigos, and Dana Dean.

Other Members Present: Treasurer, Daniel LaLumia.

Community Members Present: Kevin Doering, Ellen Doering, Dave Farnham, Diana Farnham, and Lee Renner.

The meeting opened at 7:00 P.M. by Meredith LaLumia.

Meredith LaLumia stated that going forward, RFD#1 will be run in full accordance with Vermont Open Meeting Law. A procedural reset was announced with a meeting structure to reflect as such.

Old Business

1. Finish discussion and vote on the sidewalk issue along Route VT 66.
 - Section 24(a) was cited from the Charter, which can be referenced on the RFD#1 website, www.rfd1.org.
 - The action considered is to discontinue any action to the defined segment of sidewalk, from the Northern boundary of the Daniel residence, South along Route 66 to Furnace Street, including plowing and lawn care. This maintenance would be left to the sole discretion and responsibility of affected property owners.
 - The public comment period, in accordance with 1 V.S.A. § 312(h), was opened with one minute speaking times.
 - Diana Farnham asked Meredith LaLumia to read section 24(b) from the Charter, noting a twelve-day notice to property owners.
 - Meredith LaLumia read section 24(b) from the Charter.¹
 - Dan LaLumia stated that his understanding of section 24(b) of the charter is in the specific case of “damage, upset, or modification to an owner's property.”

¹ Section 24(b) of the District’s Charter is only applicable when the Prudential Committee undertakes the “making, altering, or repairing sidewalks . . . to assess the owner or occupant of land or lands benefitted thereby so much of the expense of making, altering, or repairing the same as said prudential committee shall judge such land to be benefitted thereby, not to exceed one-half of such expense . . . [and] in the awarding of damages . . . or in any assessment for benefits of the same, such persons may petition the Orange county court for a reassessment of such benefits”.

- Kevin Doering stated that he wished the maintenance had been better throughout the winter and had not caused the damage it did.
- Dave Farnham stated that he had spoken to some residents who wanted to see the sidewalk stay open.
- Dana Dean addressed concerns about damage, particularly to the Doering property. She stated that the area from Furnace Street to the First Congregational Church of Randolph Center is utilized, and residents can still cross in a different location.
- Diana Farnham asked why the rest of the sidewalk would not be closed down from Floyd's store to Vermont State University. She stated that pet walkers would like to use the property and would not be able to.
- Lee Renner stated that pet walkers were not being kept from utilizing the sidewalk with the vote on the floor and asked why the residents were not in attendance for the meeting if there was a concern.
- With no further comments, the public comment period closed.
- Meredith LaLumia moved to vote, seeking a motion to *discontinue*² any and all RFD#1 recognition and maintenance of the portion of the sidewalk from the Northern boundary of the Daniel residence, South along Route 66, to Furnace Street.
- Dana Dean made a motion to discontinue any action on the defined segment of sidewalk.
- Meredith LaLumia seconded the motion.

Meredith LaLumia sought a motion to adjourn.

Dana Dean so moved.

Seconded by Meredith LaLumia.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Shannon Trigos, Randolph Fire District #1 Clerk

Next Meeting: May 19, 2026, 7:00 P.M., Red School House, Randolph Center, VT.

² Let it be known that the vote was to *discontinue* any and all Randolph Fire District #1 recognition and maintenance of the sidewalk from the Northern boundary of the Daniel residence, South along Route 66, to Furnace Street—not to *close* the sidewalk. The sidewalk is still fully open to public use, but any and all maintenance is now at the full discretion of the property owner.