



Randolph Fire District #1
PO BOX 314
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*Minutes for Quarterly Meeting on
Thursday, August 27, 2026
Time: 7:00 P.M.*

Location: Red School House in Randolph Center.

Prudential Committee Members Present: Meredith LaLumia, Dana Dean, Jim Angell.

Other Members Present: Treasurer and Collector of Rents and Taxes, Dan LaLumia (virtually).

Public Present: Lee Renner.

The meeting was opened at 7:00 P.M. by Chair, Meredith LaLumia. As the first act of business, LaLumia noted an addition to be made to the agenda, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 312(d)(4) (additions or deletions to the agenda must be made as the first act of business). Consideration and vote by the Prudential Committee ("PRUCOM") to increase annual Officer stipend compensation was added to the agenda under Old Business.

Jim Angell was officially welcomed to the Prudential Committee!

I. New Business:

1. Approve annual meeting minutes (5/19/2026).
 - i. A motion was made to accept the previous meeting minutes. Seconded. So moved.
 - ii. Annual meeting minutes were approved without correction.
2. Hear and approve the Treasurer's Report.
 - i. See full 8/27/2026 Treasurer's Report on rfd1.org under *Documents/Treasurer Reports*.
 - ii. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded. So moved.
3. Hear and approve the Engineer's Report.
 - i. Meredith LaLumia recited the Engineer's Report in David Powell's absence.
 - ii. See full 8/27/2026 Engineer's Report on rfd1.org under *Documents/Treasurer Reports*.
 - iii. A motion was made to accept the Engineer's Report. Seconded. So moved.
4. Discuss time-sensitive pumphouse repairs.
 - i. There are no repairs inside the pumphouse, everything is running smoothly.
 - ii. The outside of the pumphouse needs some wooden trim molding repair on the entrance door. PRUCOM has identified two independent contractors who could quickly and easily make this repair. One independent contractor will be selected to complete these repairs in the next couple of weeks.
5. Discuss memorandum of understanding with Randolph Center Fire Department.
 - i. The Randolph Center Fire Department will be invited to the DeFlorio Pumphouse unveiling celebration (see New Business #5 herein) prior to any memorandum being sent to the Fire Department.

II. Old Business:

1. Discuss Lumbra and DeFayette private line.
 - i. There is a private water line that serves both DeFayette residences (2 meters) and the Lumbra family residence. If one residence is required to be shut off due to delinquency in paying water bills, both residence's are shut off.
 - ii. This private line was installed by the Lumbras and both parties were aware of the shut off result.
 - iii. Dan LaLumia and PRUCOM members discussed possible avenues in the event of a delinquent payment by one of the two residents. (discussed the idea of excavation in the event of imminent domain, or notifying residents ahead of time, after multiple notices of delinquency, if water is to be imminently turned off).
 - iv. Dan, as Collector of Rents and Taxes, is going to draft a letter to the Lumbra residence to be sent via certified mail as an official record of the situation.
2. Discuss moving forward with RFD#1's Water Ordinance.
 - i. RFD#1 enacted a water ordinance on May 21, 2014. It can be found on www.rfd1.org under Documents/Ordinances.
 - ii. Although this document was monumental for the district at the time of its enactment, other things need to be included in the water ordinance. For instance, integration of payment methods, overdue accounts, property tax assessments, abuse of water resources, construction standards, updates of terminology, and more.
 - iii. PRUCOM discussed gathering a working group to collaborate on the water ordinance edits and updates. After a document is edited to the point it is ready for public review, it will be added to www.rfd1.org. If you are interested in joining the working group, please email RFD1org@gmail.com.
 - i. Short-term goal: by our next quarterly meeting in November 2026, a working document will be created with a group working on edits and updates.
 - ii. Long-term goal: Adopt the amended Water Ordinance at the next annual meeting in May, 2027.
3. Discuss and establish that RFD#1 Officers only receive their stipend if they complete the whole term.
 - i. PRUCOM discussed that RFD#1 Officers only receive their stipend, absent extenuating circumstances, if they complete their annual term. (note: each officer is paid annually, even if their term is longer than one year).
 - ii. A motion was made to accept completion of term before receiving annual payment. Seconded. So moved.
4. Vote on stipend increase for all RFD#1 Officers.
 - i. PRUCOM discussed the proposed stipend of \$800 for all Officers, per job, rather than differing stipends dependent upon the respective position. Reason being, it has been very difficult to find volunteers, even with the previous \$250 stipends enacted a couple years ago.
 - ii. A motion was made to increase Officer stipends to \$800 per position, effective immediately. Seconded. All PRUCOM in favor. So moved.

5. Announce date for DeFlorio Pumphouse unveiling and gathering.
 - i. On September 16th at 4pm, Bill and Trudy DeFlorio will be celebrated to commemorate their unwavering dedication, contributions, and service over many decades to assist in sustaining Randolph Fire District #1. RFD#1's pumphouse will be named the Bill and Trudy DeFlorio Pumphouse.
 - ii. Sheet cake and sparkling cider will be served!
 - iii. Flyer with further details forthcoming (to be announced on our website, the post office, and the town crier)

III. Public Comment period.

1. No public comment.

Dean made a motion to adjourn, Angell seconded. LaLumia adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm.

///Signed///

Meredith G. LaLumia
Interim Clerk

The RFD#1 Prudential Committee
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