Town of Heath

Meeting minutes

Heath Municipal Light Plant Advisory Committee

Date/time:  6/4/19 at 9:00 am

Location:  Sawyer Hall

Called to order at 9:07 AM by Art with Jan, Ned, Art and Sheila present.

Discussed merging Jan’s and Sheila’s minutes of 5/15/19 and the reviewing them again for approval. Sheila will follow-up. Approved minutes of 5/21/19 as amended.

Discussed interest in learning if the poles in Mohawk estates area are deemed network essential or service poles; Jan will ask Bob Bourke; alternatively we can ask Joe Parda at subsequent WG&E project meeting.

Follow-up to 5/21/19 MLP meeting with BOS/MLP Board:

- BOS/MLP Board gave “green light” on 5/21/19 to go ahead with construction procurement. Bob Bourke has informed WG&E.
- BOS/MLP Board do not want to use Highway Dept. for any site prep for hut.
- Need to provide cost estimate for larger hut in order to enable decision about hut use for records storage. Jan will ask Bob Bourke if he has received an estimate.
- Kara is keeping touch with legislators to ensure Heath’s debt exclusion vote is approved by Gov.
- Kara and Sheila are in touch with Bill Ennen about Heath’s advance from LMCF; BOS will need to sign documents related to this.

Art shared that David Dvore cautions us to watch WG&E invoices as he found a double billing in a Rowe invoice.

Ned will discuss with Kara and Bob Bourke the process Heath is using to review invoices.

Drop Policy development: Agreed to identify question we have and resources available in order to develop drop Policy.

- Use of PPR
- Sheila provided links to Drop policies for other towns in area.
- Plan to ask questions at net WG&E project meeting
• Jan will ask Bob Bourke what he is aware of that will help us develop Drop Policy.

Edge Cases:

• Agreed to meet with Charlemont, Rowe and Colrain separately; Sheila will reach out to Charlemont first and arrange possible meeting for June 25th
• Obtain samples of Edge case agreements
• Find out extent that Bill Ennen wants to be involved

Art will find out more from David Dvore regarding backhaul through MBI 1-2-3

Plan to explore options and discuss with BOS how towns manage MLP business when BOS serves as the MLP Board.

Next meeting: 9:00 AM 6/11/19.

Adjourned at 11:10 AM