

Minutes of the Heath MLB Meeting with WG&E and TriWire

June 8, 2021 at 2 pm

Present: MLB: Art Schwenger, Anne Emmet, Bill Fontes, Dave Gordon, and Ned Wolf

MLP Manager, Sheila Litchfield

WG&E: Joe Parda, Dave Loiko, and Caitrin Ferriter

TriWire: Jordan Hawes, Dave Libbey, and Dave Poplawski

Jordan said that they are working in FSA 4 because FSA 3 is complete except for one piece left on case 39.

Dave Libbey said that prior to splice testing they found that neither the FDP panels in Sawyer Hall nor those in the Community Hall were ready. Bill asked whether in placing the panels in each building there had been any coordinating with Northeast IT. Jordan said that for Sawyer Hall they followed where the MBI line came into the second floor. He said that he will talk with Eric of TriWire. If someone has a problem with their placement of FDP panels in the Senior Center, they need to know. Joe said that they're planning to drop 2 ONT's with redundancy for Northeast IT.

Jordan said that they're hoping to deploy a splicing company next week in FSA 3. Joe commended him saying that they are ahead of the schedule which has splicing beginning in FSA 3 on July 5.

Sheila confirmed with Jordan that the TriWire quote of \$2231.67 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Charlemont edge case covers the build to the last pole but does not include the installation.

TriWire left the meeting at 2:35.

Joe Parda and Hilma talked about the Town's options for Internet and for VoIP. Presently, Internet and VoIP are separate accounts through Crocker. Joe said that one solution for Heath could be having its ISP and VoIP both supported by Northeast IT on a municipal network. Joe said that at the service level it's nice to have 1 stop shop. He said that Heath's taking time to decide does not paralyze WG&E in its work.

Sheila asked Joe for advice on our hut. Tim Lively monitors the hut temperature, but there is still no maintenance agreement in place. The generator is making unusual sounds. Joe recommended contacting United Concrete. Bill said he would like to be part of Joe's phone call to Patti of United Concrete.

Sheila and Caitrin agreed to talk offline about a banner. Sheila asked Caitrin whether the monthly subscription fee includes rental for the router. She said no. If a subscriber takes the router or not, it's the same monthly charge.

Caitrin said she will check with Chris and Ken about their availability for a meeting next week about broadband in Mohawk Estates.

Sheila asked about the cost of pole rentals which would be part of the Town's cost if it were to bring service to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Charlemont edge case. Joe said that those rentals may have recently increased. They would be added to the \$2231.67 cost of building to the last pole. The installation cost would be added to that.

Caitrin supplied some information about undergrounds. She said that 24 open undergrounds have been scheduled. They include 5 in FSA 2.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 with Joe, Sheila, and Bill planning to try reaching Patti of United Concrete by phone.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wolf