

Minutes of WG&E Construction Meeting with TriWire and the Heath MLB
June 22, 2021 at 2 pm

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

TriWire: Jordan Hawes, Dave Liddey, and Dave Poplawski

MLP Manager, Sheila Litchfield

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

Joe announced that the 2 o'clock construction meeting on June 29th is canceled.

Jordan reported that they're making progress in FSA 4.

There was discussion of how best to get fiber to the last house on Colrain Stage Road before leaving Heath for Colrain.

Sheila asked what the release date for FSA 1 was as well as for information that would help us respond to interruptions of service. This was related to a motor vehicle accident on Route 8A in FSA 1 where a pole was knocked down and had to be replaced. This time the line was quickly put back in place, and service was not impacted. Joe recommended phoning WG&E at 413 572-0000. Somehow Jordan did not learn of this event until well after the line was back up. Joe advised TriWire to check on National Grid's work in putting the wire back up on the pole. He said that the release date for FSA 1 must have been around June 3rd.

Caitrin in reporting on the status of installations in FSA 1 said that there were 24 customers with whom they were playing phone tag, 33 homes that were activated, and 42 homes that were scheduled.

Dave Liddey reported progress with splicing in FSA 3. He said that the scheduled date of August 28th for the completion of network testing and having results deliverable in FSA 3 is still achievable.

Dave Poplawski said that a ladder rack was installed today in the hub. Joe put on the screen a photo in which the ladder rack appeared just to the right of a cabinet that receives cables entering the hub. Joe asked that future cables brought into the hub be introduced to the lower right of the cabinet.

Sheila asked Joe about the drop cost for the third Charlemont edge case. She said that Chris LaVertu doesn't have the drop because there is no 911 number yet. Caitrin said that without the 911 address she wouldn't have it in the CRM.

Sheila asked when broadband would be installed at the fairgrounds. Joe said that wouldn't happen until September.

Sheila explained that a list of names and contact information of those people needing access to the hub must be provided by July 1st.

Sheila asked about a possible explanation from Patty Norton of United Concrete of the problem with the hub's roof. Joe said that he has yet to hear back from her.

Joe offered David assistance in activating in the hub the remote temperature sensor that he has offered to lend to the Town.

The most that Caitrin could tell Sheila about when the CAFII payments start was that it would be in 2022.

Caitrin told Sheila that she could work with Chris LaVertu on getting a list of cold drops in Heath and their estimated costs.

Sheila asked when Heath's muni network will be online. Dave Poplawski said that they have no test results yet but they should have them by the end of the week. Dave said that panels have been installed and he can report on some details of various sites tomorrow. To Jan's question as to whether all the muni sites have to be done before the muni network is operational Joe answered no.

Joe reported that Whip City Fiber will replace the monitor that was once in the hub. Sheila said that so long as the monitor is replaced, and we change the access code to the hub, she's OK and doesn't feel the need to get to them a police report about the loss of the monitor.

The meeting adjourned at 3:31.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wolf