

Minutes of the Conference Call of Bill Ennen with the Heath MLB

June 29, 2021 at 1 pm

Present: Last Mile implementation Liaison , Bill Ennen

MLP Manager, Sheila Litchfield

MLB: Art Schwenger, Anne Emmet, Bill Fontes, David Gordon, and Ned Wolf,
with Jan Carr visiting

Sheila told Bill of Chris LaVertu's having done a walkthrough of Mohawk Estates for WG&E. We are awaiting any recommendations.

Bill Fontes told Bill of having been on a conference call with Sheila and Representative Paul Mark about the request to Heath's Planning Board for a permit to build a 180' monopole in Heath. Paul was not aware of the company First Net's request and thought we should stay in touch about it.

Members discussed the scheduling of the next conference calls with Bill Ennen. The next 2 are as follows:

August 3 at 1 pm

September 14 at 1 pm

Sheila reported that FSA 2 is done except for some undergrounds. FSA 1 has been released by TriWire, but they haven't yet started installations there.

Jan reported subscriber rates of more than 80% in FSA's 1, 2, and 3 with the rate in FSA 4 more than 40%.

Bill Ennen spoke of \$207K allotted to Heath in the American Rescue Plan and how the town needs to take steps to file for the funds. Half the funds are likely to arrive this summer and the remaining half some time in 2022. The funds could be applied to costs incurred March 2020 – March 2026. Bill said there is more freedom than in the CARES Act for how the funds are used. He said that we should contact DLS for assistance in answering such questions as whether the funds could help in replenishing Heath's stabilization fund.

David asked whether we could estimate coming invoices and propose that to the Select Board. Bill Fontes suggested using some of the funds for cold drops.

Bill Ennen said that he thinks it would be appropriate for the MLB to approach Senator Markey as well as Representatives Neal and McGovern to communicate our wanting broadband debt service to be eligible for broadband funding such as there might be in an infrastructure bill.

The conference call ended at 1:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wolf