

Minutes of the WG&E Construction Meeting with the Heath MLB
July 13, 2021 at 2 pm

Present: WG&E: Joe Parda, Tom Kolek, Dave Loiko, Caitrin Ferriter, Chris LaVertu, and
Brian Sullivan

TriWire: Jordan Hawes, Dave Libbey

MLP Manager, Sheila Litchfield

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

Joe asked Dave Libbey for an update on how close the municipal network is to completion. Dave said it's hard to say because he needs more information. Heath's municipal network is more split up and carved apart than most municipal networks.

Jordan said they have probably about 24 MST's left to install in FSA 4.

Sheila expressed thanks for the effort to bring broadband to the fairgrounds. Sheila said she would send Brian Sullivan Shawn Weaver's contact information. There will be a Whip City Fiber booth at the Fair and a couple of trucks in the parade. Jordan may appear at the Fair with his family.

TriWire left at 2:34.

Sheila asked about the report on Mohawk Estates that came out of the walkthrough and what it means for the installations. Brian said he would get the report from Chris and tell us about it.

Sheila requested the cost of the drop for #14 Center Heath Road which is the third Charlemont edge case. David provided an update on that edge case. Brian said he would get the cost of the drop and send it to David, Sheila, and Joe. Joe said that the poles are licensed but they need to change ownership from Charlemont to Heath.

Sheila asked whether FSA 2 is complete or are there still some undergrounds to be done. Brian said he would chase that information down. Joe said it should be available in the CRM.

David asked for more clarity as to what needs to happen before WG&E hands Northeast IT a patch cord so they can configure each town building as needed. Joe said they are waiting for Dave Liddey and Peter Bitar to come back with a package of fiber test data. So far none of the test data has been received. Dave Libbey said that by the end of the week they should have fiber test data for the 4 locations in the municipal network. Within 2 weeks Northeast IT can be

contacted. In fact due to Covid related supply and demand issues Joe said it might be worth checking whether Northeast IT has the needed equipment in hand or has ordered it. WG&E will hand to Northeast IT the dual ONT each with a static IP. Within the rack in the hut they would identify for Northeast IT their real estate to be taken. They will hand Shawn Weaver an interface and a yellow patch cord appropriately.

Jan asked, "If a single building such as Sawyer Hall is done, can Northeast IT start configuring that one?" Joe replied yes and added, "We're so close to having them all done. On August 1st Shawn will have the completed municipal network to work with."

Bill asked about having WiFi signals outside the buildings. Can the ONT's can put out 2 data circuits. Joe said that they built in an additional fiber. One fiber is for Shawn Weaver's network. It is intra-office, and has a firewall. Then if you want a WiFi hotspot, there's a separate fiber for that.

David asked whether the equipment used to set up the WiFi hotspot would be WG&E equipment that WG&E could fully support. Joe replied yes.

The meeting adjourned at 3:03.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wolf