

Minutes of the WG&E Construction Meeting with the Heath MLB  
July 27, 2021 at 2 pm

Present: WG&E: Joe Parda, Tom Kolek, Caitrin Ferriter, Dave Loiko, and Brian Sullivan  
TriWire: Jordan Hawes, Dave Libbey  
MLP Manager, Sheila Litchfield  
MLB: Art Schwenger, Anne Emmet, and Ned Wolf  
with Jan Carr visiting

Jordan said that the construction is done except for the build from Bassett Road into Charlemont. They have cleaned up in FSA 1 and FSA 2 and will move into FSA 3 and FSA 4.

Sheila and the MLB are waiting for Brian Sullivan's cost estimate for the drop for 14 Center Heath Road, the extension of Bassett Road in Charlemont. Jordan said that he and his crew will be around doing cleanup and can be available. Art said that as soon as we get the cost estimate, it's a 'go'. Tom Kolek said that he has received the design back for building to 14 Center Heath Road. He expects that the build will require 2 days for splicing and testing.

Dave Libbey reported that they have filled in all the test results for Heath's municipal buildings. He added that they have test results for the fairgrounds where there are 2 fibers. Both have been spliced. Just one has been tested.

Brian said he would send Sheila by email the estimated drop cost for the Charlemont edge case.

TriWire left the meeting at 2:22 pm.

Anne reported that Whip City has failed more than once to make a customer's Ooma phone work. Art reported another customer's frustration with inadequate communication regarding an underground installation. Brian said in each case that he would follow up.

Anne asked whether Brian is the person to whom complaints should be sent. Brian said "yes."

Sheila asked about a possible invoice for placing the fiber back on a new utility pole on July 21 after the original pole had broken when struck by a motor vehicle on Route 8A near the former Branch School. Joe said he would send Jordan an email to be sure that there won't be a charge and that the fiber was inspected following its attachment to the new pole.

Art said that we are in critical need of learning the drop costs for FSA 4 from Chris.

Joe replied by asking Brian whether he and Chris could be available on Thursday 2 – 4 for a Microsoft Teams meeting that includes a report from Chris. Brian committed to setting the meeting up.

Jan requested that Chris send her an email with his report so that the costs don't disappear as happened when the report was sent first to Sheila, and Sheila forwarded it to Jan.

Brian said that the Whip City presence at the Fair would be just people in trucks and not in a booth. Sheila spoke of how much better their visibility would be in a booth. Members would like a Whip City presence that gets folks interested in signing up.

The meeting adjourned at 3:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wolf