

Minutes of the WG&E Construction Meeting with the Heath MLB
August 3, 2021 at 2 pm

Present: WG&E: Joe Parda, Tom Kolek, and at 2:32 Chris La Vertu

TriWire: Dave Libbey, and Dave Poplawski

MLB: Art Schwenger, Anne Emmet, David Gordon, and Ned Wolf
with Jan Carr visiting and MLP Manager, Sheila Litchfield

Sheila spoke of our having had a very good meeting at 10 that morning with Chris LaVertu about his report on Mohawk Estates.

Dave Libbey reported that one of the two fibers for the fairgrounds has been spliced, and the remaining fiber will be spliced tomorrow. He said that testing in cases 23 and 24 of FSA 3 is scheduled for today. They plan to finish testing soon on these roads in FSA 3: Bassett, Burrington, and Town Farm.

Joe asked whether testing will be complete by the originally scheduled date of August 28th? Dave said he is looking to complete splicing in FSA 3 during August 16th – 20th. Testing in FSA 3 is expected to be completed during September 13th – 17th. Dave agreed with Joe that they are looking at launching installations in FSA 3 in the week of October 4th.

Dave Poplawski reported that the placing of cable is complete in FSA 4. Eric has finished the punch list for FSA's 1 and 2. He is making progress in FSA's 3 and 4.

Sheila told Joe of our not yet receiving a drop estimate for the third Charlemont edge case. Art reported the confusion resulting when Northeast IT expected WG&E to have patch cables for them at the Heath hut, and they weren't there. When a technician from Westfield later arrived, he did not have the needed equipment.

Sheila said that Chris is working with Dave Poplawski who has the costs for underground work. She asked where things stand for underground work in FSA's 1 and 2?

Chris entered the meeting at 2:32. He said he is checking with WG&E's engineering group for information Sheila has requested.

Dave Poplawski said that they are waiting for DigSafe on the Heath jobs. Due to so much rain some DigSafe markings were washed away requiring their return. Dave said they would be back in a few days.

Sheila said that 2 weeks ago Jordan said that TriWire would soon be leaving having completed the first phase of the construction. Dave Poplawski said that Jordan will continue to be in the neighborhood, probably in Charlemont, and can return to Heath without a special call.

Sheila said that there are several customer relation issues, and that we are questioning how much is gained by discussing these in the construction meetings at 2. What suggestions does Joe have? Joe advised going to the Whip City help desk. David asked whether we can expect to hear back within a day as to a plan from Brian Sullivan at WG&E although the problem might not be solved? Joe said about a day with Caitrin serving as Brian's backup. He said that they had recently involved Jim Drawe.

Sheila asked for help in determining if there is a 'drop dead' date for potential customers. Joe said we could take the release date of FSA 4 from TriWire to WG&E.

Art questioned Joe as to whether Heath as a smaller town is receiving the attention it deserves. How do we know that the confusion that has occurred at Heath's hub today won't happen again?

Joe and David discussed the equipment needs for completion of the work required for Heath's muni network. Chris said that he could be at the hut tomorrow, and that the work would be completed .

The meeting adjourned at 3:14.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wolf