

Minutes of the WG&E Construction Meeting with the Heath MLB  
September 14, 2021 at 2 pm

Present: WG&E: Joe Parda, Tom Kolek

TriWire: Jordan Hawes, Dave Libbey

MLB: Anne Emmet, David Gordon, Bill Fontes, Ned Wolf, and Art Schwenger  
by phone at 2:10  
with Jan Carr visiting and MLP Manager, Sheila Litchfield

Jordan reported that he's had a crew working today on extending the network and installing the drop at 14 Center Heath Road. The work may require more than one day.

He said they are waiting for splicers and testers to finish in FSA's 3 and 4 before going down their punch list as they have for FSA's 1 and 2. Dave Libbey said that they are putting all their effort into FSA 3 where 83% of the splicing is done. Their repeater's range is limited by the terrain. They aim by the end of the week to have finished splicing and testing.

Joe informed us that there is a new technician in the hub named Matt Mead who has been put into the testing group.

Joe asked Sheila about new locks on the hub door. Sheila said that it is the same lock but that we change the code on a regular schedule.

Dave Libbey said that they will be onboarding another new employee.

Joe said that the release date for FSA 3 has shifted from September 27<sup>th</sup> to October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Dave Libbey said that the start date for splicing in FSA 4 has shifted from October 13<sup>th</sup> to October 27<sup>th</sup>. The release date for FSA 4 has shifted from October 31 to mid-November.

Dave Libbey asked whether the testing for FSA 4 is from the hub just to the cabinet. Tom said that it is from the hub to the cabinet, the cabinet to the MST's, and the cabinet back to the hub.

TriWire left the meeting at 2:29.

Sheila said that she has talked with Dave Loiko about 612 8A North where he plans to return with Jamie Cincotta to look at options other than point to point service. They will try to do it as economically as possible.

Bill said we've found that the signal out of the hub is not encrypted. There are advantages to having an encrypted signal. Joe said that as far as he knows the installers have been using that signal. He said he thinks it makes good engineering sense to encrypt the signal, give access to just the installers, and have it administered through Westfield IT via Brian Sullivan.

Bill said that we are looking to get a final number of PDU's as needed in order to apply for state aid. Joe said that our engaging Brian Sullivan and possibly Chris LaVertu is key.

Joe changed the meeting time for the September 21 construction meeting with WG&E, TriWire, and the Heath MLB from 2 pm to 1 pm in order to allow Heath people time to travel down to Westfield for a 'meet and greet' later that afternoon.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wolf