

Minutes of the Bill Ennen Conference Call  
December 7, 2021 at 1

Present: Last Mile Liaison, Bill Ennen

MLP Manager, Sheila Litchfield

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

Sheila confirmed with Bill that our number of PDU's is 598.

We reviewed the situation for applying for state subsidies for drops. Bill said that the contract ends June 30<sup>th</sup> and he wants to get all funds out the door this fiscal year. He thought the best option would be for him to request that, due cash flow, the town be allowed to apply now and then seek any additional drop funds during the closeout certification process in the spring.

Final PDU count = 598.

The number of drops built to date will be 414 (includes 4 Muni buildings).

The value of the award would be  $414 \times \$500 = \$207,000$ .

The maximum number of drops receiving subsidies is 70% of 598 or  $0.7 \times 598 = 418.6$ , or 419.

The potential total additional funds would be  $5 \times \$500 = \$2,500$ .

Bill said that in May Heath would not only receive the retainage (\$22,000). but any additional drop subsidy up to 419.

Bill will update Sheila as needed. Sheila will locate an invoice for \$8,075. which is thought to be from make-ready.

Sheila asked about the Hinds amendment to recent legislation in Boston that would provide \$75 million to the towns for broadband debt. Bill told us that the \$75 million is ARPA money and as such cannot be used for broadband debt.

Bill is waiting to see what's available in the federal infrastructure bill. He doesn't expect news until January.

Sheila and the MLB agreed with Bill that the next 2 conference calls would be as follows:

Jan. 11 at 1 pm

Feb. 8 at 1 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 1:21.

Respectfully submitted, Ned Wolf

